Affiliate Application for Funding
Regional Youth Summit on Teen Resistance to Systemic Racism

Throughout the 2020-2021 academic year, the National Museum of American History will host a series of digital events for middle and high school students to critically examine the question: *How can young Americans create a more equitable nation?*

**The series kicks off on September 22 with the National Youth Summit on Teen Resistance to Racial Injustice.** Anchored by the case study of Claudette Colvin, a 15-year-old Black student in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955 who refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus and testified in the legal case that brought an end to segregated busing in Montgomery. The Summit will provide digital platforms and resources for students to convene, discuss this vital history, and examine the power of teens activated today to fight systemic racism.

Each year Smithsonian Affiliates join this event as Regional Summits – amplifying the National Youth Summit program and augmenting it with related programming tied to their organization’s content and community context for local students. This year we invite Regional Summits to join us digitally to convene these deeply critical conversations with and for middle and high school students across the nation.

The September 22 Summit will include live webcasts, discussion prompts and facilitation strategies, and a scheduled time during which we invite students nationwide to participate in discussion (please note that we encourage discussions to take place both synchronously and asynchronously and at times that make sense for students and communities).

The times for the webcasts and discussions have not yet been finalized, but likely will take place with the following schedule on September 22:

- 3:00 – 3:15pm ET: opening live webcast of panel discussion
- 3:15 – 3:45pm ET: assigned time for discussion, led by teachers as a classroom activity and by Regional Summits
- 3:45 – 4:00pm ET: closing live webcast of panel discussion

**What do Regional Summits do?**
Regional Summits connect with their local middle and high schools and invite students to participate in the National Youth Summit by watching two, 15-minute webcasts and engaging in Regional Summit-led discussion about the history and driving question. As programming during COVID presents unprecedented challenges, we encourage Regional Summits to think creatively about how to engage students in synchronous and/or asynchronous conversation.
Regional Summits can tie their programming to their own content, as well as to the history shared in the case study of Claudette Colvin’s civic activism or in their own community’s history. We are using the following questions to guide student discussions:

- What are the circumstances that make it urgent to challenge systemic injustice?
- What tools do individuals and movements have to fight systems of oppression?
- Does it matter what story is told and who gets to tell it? Why?
- What methods do teens use to claim power? How can the actions and choices of teens shape our shared democracy and create a more equitable nation?

The main programmatic requirement is that programming take place solely via digital means. Affiliates will be awarded $500 to support their participation in the Summit. Affiliates will also receive:

- Educational resources for preparing and leading student discussions
- Guidance in developing your Regional Summit program
- Promotion on NMAH and Smithsonian digital channels about your museum’s participation as a Regional Summit
- Press release templates and social media content

Affiliates are encouraged to hold programs on September 22, 2020, but may complete programming any time before September 30. Regional Summits should include at least 10 students.

Please review and compile all the necessary material before beginning to apply. You cannot save and return to the form. If you have questions, please email affiliates@si.edu. *required fields

- Applicant Name*
- Name of Primary Contact for this Initiative (Leave blank if same as above.)
- Affiliate Organization*
- Affiliate Address*
  - Street Address
  - Address Line 2
  - City
  - State / Province / Region
  - ZIP / Postal Code
  - Country
- Applicant Email*
- Applicant Phone
- Describe how you would use the award of $500 to support implementation of programming for the National Youth Summit (funds cannot be used for food).
• Please describe your organization’s ability to engage with local school communities and to work with school stakeholders (administrators, teachers, parents) to engage students as participants in the Summit, and how the program will be customized for your community (connections to exhibition or collections, target audience, etc.).* Please keep your answer to 350-400 words.

• If approved for funding, you agree to:
  o Submit a narrative report of up to one page describing your event
  o Distribute and collect brief evaluation forms used to inform future National Youth Summits. Evaluation forms will be provided.
  o Provide at least three event photographs with captions and credit lines (including screen shots of digital programming). Affiliates are responsible for obtaining photo permissions. An additional photo release form will be provided to extend permission to the Smithsonian.
  o Submit event attendance totals, including number of online RSVPs, total live views, and engagement numbers (how many likes, comments, reposts, etc.)
  o Promote the Summit using approved logos and images. All promotional material must be reviewed by the Smithsonian Affiliations office.

• To receive funding, your Affiliate must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) and able to accept ALL awards. If you are not sure if your organization is registered in SAM, please contact Natalie Wimberly, 202-633-3021.