



Theological Institute for High School Youth
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God calls us to lives of wholeness.
How can we respond to God's call
in our daily lives and relationships?
Come and explore
the Health of Body, Mind, and Spirit.

STU IMPACT: Empowering Young Disciples

- STU IMPACT is a theology institute for high school youth made possible by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. St. Thomas University seeks to encourage youth to explore the Catholic faith through formal theological education, engaged learning, and prayer experiences that will allow them to examine contemporary issues and prepare for lives of service in the church and the world.
- During an intensive eight-day program, youth will live on campus, share community and faith with other teenagers and young adult leaders, learn from renowned speakers and theology scholars, and participate in regional service-justice immersion activities.

Program Highlights:

- Health of Body, Mind, and Spirit: In Summer 2019, youth will explore how they can respond to God's call to wholeness in their physical, mental, and spiritual lives.
- Theological Education: Participants will engage University professors to explore Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis's encyclical on the care of creation.
- Engaged Learning: Youth will participate in immersion trips to Immokalee, Florida to learn about the lives and rights of farm workers and to Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson Park to learn about ecology and the care for the environment.
- Prayer Experiences: Participants will engage in and learn to lead different types of prayer services. Youth will also participate in a retreat and explore diverse vocations.
- Residential Experience: Youth will live on campus for an eight-day residential immersion experience, including meals and lodging.
- Fall Day of Service: Youth will participate in a Fall 2019 service project that will address the needs of the Miami area.
- Winter Convocation: Youth will be invited to return to campus in March 2020 to reconnect with fellow participants and reflect on how they are called to serve the church and world.

General Information:

- STU IMPACT is selective. The admissions committee looks for highly motivated young people who are interested in enriching their knowledge and passion for faith and service.
- To be eligible, youth must be current freshmen to seniors in high school.
- Youth and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are asked to commit to participating in the entire program, including the Fall Day of Service and Winter Convocation.

Application Requirements and Cost:

- Application form signed by both the youth participant and parent/guardian affirming their willingness for the youth to complete the entire program
- Personal essay in which the applicant discusses his/her reasons for wanting to participate in the program and a service project that could be implemented for his/her parish
- Letter of recommendation from an individual (pastor, youth minister, campus minister, teacher) who wishes to nominate the youth for the program
- Cost for the program is \$500. Thanks to the generous support of the Lilly Endowment, youth can participate at this reduced cost.
- Scholarships are available. Those interested in applying for a scholarship should submit an essay explaining how the scholarship would enable the youth to participate in the program.
- Applications are due May 15, 2019. Applications are available at www.stu.edu/STUIMPACT.



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St. Thomas University is a Catholic institution with rich cultural and international diversity, committed to the academic and professional success of its students as ethical leaders in our global community.

About Us:

St. Thomas University has been developing leaders for over 50 years. As the only private, Catholic, Florida-based university affiliated with the Archdiocese of Miami, we are internationally recognized for our unique academic specializations in justice, international business, ministry, sports administration, and the sciences. Our areas of study range from global entrepreneurship and undergraduate scientific research to divinity studies, intercultural human rights, and liberal arts. Our varied academic programs coupled with our prestigious faculty, who recognize the importance of personalized attention for every student, ensures that we accomplish our mission of developing leaders for life.

