

4. What is something you know that you think other girls your age need to know?

5. What would you like to know from other girls your age?

6. How would you define Sisterhood?

Add extra sheets if you like; then turn this completed form in *immediately*. Thank you!

*Space is limited, so
SIGN UP NOW!*

**Return this completed Application
to your
School Counselor/Contact
or mail to
Karen Coleman
2301 Portland Dr.
Maryville, TN 37803 by
September 23, 2011.**

If there is more than one applicant per family, feel free to copy this form. See your Guidance Counselor or contact person for more information, or check out our website at:

www.aauw-maryville.org/s2s.htm

There is **NO FEE** for attending the Summit, and lunch and snacks will be provided.

Guidance Counselors or the Contact Person at each school will select girls in 7th-12th grade on a first-come, first-served basis. Also considered will be each girl's level of interest, commitment, and desire to contribute.

Supporters include the following:

AAUW, Women's Equity Foundation, and other community agencies, groups, and individuals who have come together to sponsor the 11th Annual Sister-to-Sister Summit.

NOTE TO SCHOOL COUNSELORS/CONTACTS:

Please bundle your school's forms together and hold them at your school office until we can come and pick them up. Call Vandy Kemp at 865-363-8110 if you have questions. Thanks!

It's FREE and it's COOL!

It's the Eleventh Annual

**Sister
-to-
Sister**

A Summit by, for, and about Girls



**Maryville College
Maryville, Tennessee 37804**

*Thursday, November 3, 2011
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*Sponsored by:
Maryville Branch of AAUW
Women's Equity Foundation*

What We'll Do . . .

- **Talk** about the challenges we face at home, at school, and in our community
- **Develop** a Plan to address these challenges, along with a Message to share with our community
- **Grow** our network of women and girls working together
- **Learn** from a dynamic speaker and from each other

Why We'll Do It

Throughout this day-long forum, girls will be given ample opportunity to **speak out and be heard** on issues that affect their daily lives.

AAUW's nationwide *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America* shows that girls experience a dramatic drop in self-esteem during adolescence and lose the strong, confident voices they once had. Sister to Sister Summits around the country are designed to **strengthen girls' voices** while developing a proactive plan to promote better opportunities for all students.

Our ten previous Sister to Sister Summits in Blount County in 2001-2010 have confirmed that, given a chance to discuss major issues in their lives, girls respond eagerly. Girls want the opportunity to share their opinions with their peers and to hear what other girls have to say. The Sister to Sister Summit gives girls that opportunity!

Application Form

must be returned by **September 23, 2011**

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Parent's Name: _____

**Do you need any special accommodations?
If so, please check:**

- Visual assistance
 Hearing (interpreter)
 Mobility or Wheelchair Access
 Dietary Restrictions/Vegetarian lunch
 Other _____

Did you attend last year? YES ____ NO ____

Would you be interested in co-leading a small group?
YES ____ NO ____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT:

I have read the information provided about the *Sister to Sister Summit* and give my consent for my daughter's participation on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at Maryville College. I also understand that I am responsible for my daughter's transportation to the Summit that morning, and for picking her up at 4:00 that afternoon. FURTHERMORE, I give my consent for my daughter's image to be used in possible photos or other media coverage of this event.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Your Own Words

Answer these questions carefully. **Only forms with all of the questions answered will be accepted.** Your answers will help us plan the Summit around YOUR ideas and experiences. There are no right or wrong answers. Your responses are confidential, and they will have no bearing on your acceptance.

1. What do you think are the 3 most important issues or challenges facing teenage girls today?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

2. What do you wish you could change about your school related to those issues/struggles?

3. What is something that someone has said to you that you wish they hadn't said? (Give details if you can.)

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