

# HITLER YOUTH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

There were periodic membership drives to recruit for the Hitler Youth and applications were mailed to potential members. A refusal to join required the submission of a signed statement from the youth's father. The statement was kept on file and could be used later against a young man wishing to apply for a civil service job:

Wiesbaden, May 3, 1934

Hitler Youth Group  
#80, Wiesbaden

The trumpet sounds for the last time.

The Hitler Youth addresses you with the question: Why do you still remain outside of the Hitler Youth? We assume that you agree with the philosophy of our Führer Adolph Hitler. But you can only do this, if at the same time, you belong to the Hitler Youth which he created. It's a question of faith: if you are for the Führer and therefore for the Hitler Youth, then sign the accompanying application. But, if you are not willing to join, then give us your reasons on the attached form. This is our last call to you. Do your duty as a young German and by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May join the young guards of the Führer.

Heil Hitler  
The Leader of Group #80

Statement:

The undersigned is not willing to join the Hitler Youth (State Youth) for the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of father \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

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Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Unterm Hakenbreuz, p. 30