

YOUTH LEADERSHIP OKLAHOMA

MISSION: To develop young leaders who feel a hope, pride and a responsibility for Oklahoma's future

**REFERENCE FORM
DEADLINE – DECEMBER 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.**

This Reference Form is to be submitted with the student's YLOK application or mailed directory to the Leadership Oklahoma office: ATTN: Lee Anne Stone, 5500 N. Western, Suite 142 OKC, OK 73118 in a SEALED ENVELOPE. This information will be held in strict confidence.

RECOMMENDATION FOR _____ OF _____ HIGH SCHOOL

TO THE APPLICANT: Please type/print your Name and High School in the space above and give this form to your principal or counselor. This confidential recommendation is to be submitted **in a separate sealed envelope** with the YLOK application.

TO THE REFERENT: The applicant above will be considered for a six day Youth Leadership Oklahoma journey to select locations across Oklahoma. This program is designed to provide emerging leaders an opportunity to develop a hope, pride and a responsibility for Oklahoma's future. The program will include seminars, hands on opportunities and travel experiences designed to increase knowledge, enhance skills and experience our state's treasures while meeting community and state leaders.

As we are seeking the most outstanding students from across the state, it is important for each applicant's principal or counselor to provide the YLOK Selection Committee with an assessment of the student using the form below. Thank you in advance for taking the time to respond in the most direct and forthcoming manner possible.

How long have you known the above applicant and what has been your relationship? _____

Please assess the applicant using these criteria: 5-Excellent; 4-Good; 3-Satisfactory; 2-Poor; 1-Not Acceptable.

- ___ A) LEADERSHIP INTEGRITY: The degree to which the applicant is recognized and respected by peers, teachers and administration. Includes personal integrity, character and reputation in both personal and school contacts.
- ___ B) NETWORKING/TEAMWORK EFFECTIVENESS: Demonstrated success as a leader working with others to get things done.
- ___ C) ANALYTICAL / PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS: Mental ability to understand complex issues. Includes depth of insight and desire to seek solutions of issues facing Oklahoma communities.
- ___ D) COMMUNICATION SKILLS: Includes writing, speaking, listening, and willingness to interact with individuals and groups.
- ___ E) POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH: Open to broadening experiences and contacts, especially with those of different cultures or viewpoints.
- ___ F) DEPENDABILITY/CONSISTENCY: Commitment to following through on tasks undertaken.
- ___ G) ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT LEADERSHIP EFFECTIVENESS: Extent to which currently involved and successful in leadership activities.
- ___ H) ASSESSMENT OF LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL: Desire for and commitment to future involvement in leadership positions.

Please MARK the category in which you would place this applicant in comparison to his/her current high school classmates:

- ___ *Excellent & Outstanding* ----- Applicant is rated in the upper 5% of students.
- ___ *Above Average* ----- Applicant is rated in the upper 15% of students.
- ___ *Average* ----- Applicant is rated in the middle percentage of students.
- ___ *Below Average* ----- Applicant is rated in the lower percentage of students.
- ___ *Very Poor*----- Applicant is rated in the bottom percentage of students.

In addition to the above responses, we request additional comments that you might share regarding this individual.

Referent's Name (please print) _____ Title _____

Referent's Signature _____ Date _____