

North Cascades Institute: Youth Leadership Adventures

Applicant Reference Form

This form should be completed by an adult who is not a relative and knows you well, such as a teacher, advisor, employer, group leader, coach or administrator. Please fill in your name below **before** giving this form to your reference. In order for you to be considered for one of our Youth Leadership Adventures courses, we must **receive this form by April 1. Please send to North Cascades Institute, Attn: Youth Leadership Adventures: 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284; fax: 360-856-1934.**

Applicant's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
(as it appears on your application)

REFERENCE PERSONAL INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Organization Name: _____ Job Title: _____

Email: _____ Secondary Email: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

The individual listed below is applying to participate in North Cascades Institute's Youth Leadership Adventures program, in partnership with North Cascades National Park and Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. If accepted, she or he will attend an 8 or 15-day leadership and conservation course and serve as a volunteer in North Cascades National Park and/or Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Participating in this program involves physical labor and long days of strenuous exercise, canoeing and/or backpacking, along with primitive living conditions and a tight community of people. Please be candid in your assessment of the applicant's assets and limitations in regard to the goals and conditions above. **Note: This is not a therapy program for at-risk students and thus is not appropriate for students with significant behavioral issues.**

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

2. Please read the following statements about the applicant and indicate your choice based on your experience:

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Do Not Know	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Is mature and independent	5	4	3	2	1
Is open to new people and experiences	5	4	3	2	1
Demonstrates initiative and dedication	5	4	3	2	1
Is able to follow directions	5	4	3	2	1
Adapts well to changing circumstances	5	4	3	2	1
Is a hard worker	5	4	3	2	1
Shows a strong sense of responsibility	5	4	3	2	1
Interacts well with peers	5	4	3	2	1
Has strong communication skills	5	4	3	2	1
Demonstrates leadership capacity	5	4	3	2	1
Possesses a high energy level	5	4	3	2	1
Has a good sense of humor	5	4	3	2	1

3. The applicant's greatest strength(s): _____

4. The applicant's most significant limitation(s): _____

5. Please use this space to include other information that may reflect on the applicant's qualifications:

6. To what extent do you recommend the applicant?
- No reservations
 - Some reservations
 - Significant reservations

Reference's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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"I came home from this program with an immense amount of confidence and willingness to change the world around me. I can now speak in front of people and look forward to trying new things. I think joining this program was on of the best things I could have ever done for myself." (Shyanne, 2011)