



YLI APPLICATION

DIRECTIONS:

1. Please PRINT (legibly) or TYPE responses.
2. The student must complete SECTION 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION.
3. The adult reference must complete SECTION 2 - REFERENCE INFORMATION. The adult reference should be an individual that is personally acquainted with the student, and will continue to have contact with the student throughout the next school year. The reference should not be a family member of the student.
4. Both sections contain a SIGNATURE BLOCK that must be completed.
5. **FORWARDING INFORMATION** - The two sections of the *Application and Reference Form* (Pages 2 through 4) should be sent together. The forms may be FAXED or MAILED, or SUBMITTED ONLINE as directed below.
 - a. **BY FAX** - If faxing the *Application and Reference Form*, please send to:

Mr. Tim Rittgers, YLI Program Director
GDMLI Youth Leadership Initiative
FAX Number: (515) 262-0904
 - b. **BY MAIL** - If mailing the *Application and Reference Form*, please send to:

Mr. Tim Rittgers, YLI Program Director
GDMLI Youth Leadership Initiative
1350 E Washington Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50316
 - c. **ONLINE** - To submit your application online, visit our website at www.youthleadershipdm.org and click on the "Apply Now" link. Be sure to have your adult reference either complete the reference form online on your behalf or submit the "Section 2 – Reference Information" section of this application by fax or mail.
6. **QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions regarding the *Application and Reference Form*, please contact Tim Rittgers by phone at (515) 262-5695, or by e-mail at: director@youthleadershipdm.org
7. **DUE DATE:** The Application Form is due by **MARCH 5, 2010**.



SECTION I - STUDENT INFORMATION: (To Be Completed By Student)

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ BIRTH DATE _____ RACE / ETHNICITY _____ GENDER _____

Name of High School	Your High School Address	CURRENT Grade (only current 9 th or 10 th graders are eligible) _____ 9 th _____ 10 th
	Your Email Address	
School Related Activities and Programs		
Community Activities and Programs		
Any Special Recognition or Honors for Academic, School, Religious, or Community-related Activities you have received over the last two years		

1. If you have not participated in any activities, please tell us why you have not (circle all that apply):
 - a. Time
 - b. Not interested
 - c. Transportation
 - d. Work
 - e. Work
 - f. Financial Reasons
 - g. Other (please describe): _____

2. Are you currently working and do you plan to work during the 2010-2011 school year? ____ Y ____ N
 - a. If yes, where do you work?
 - b. If selected for the program, how would you handle your job and commitment to the program?

3. Explain what your family/home responsibilities consist of:

4. Why do you want to be a member of the Greater Des Moines Youth Leadership Class?



5. How do you personally define leadership, or what characteristics or qualities do you believe positive leaders need to possess?

6. What personal leadership characteristics do you possess that have either assisted you, or got in your way? If you do not currently consider yourself a leader, what do you think is necessary to change that?

7. If provided the opportunity, how would you get youth involved to make our community a better place to live?

8. How did you find out about the GDMLI Youth Leadership Initiative (Circle all that apply):

- a. YLI Student/Graduate b. Friend c. Teacher/Counselor d. Parent e. Other _____

9. We are looking for people that represent each of these categories. Which one are you? (Check One)

- a. _____ Already an established leader
b. _____ Becoming a leader (has had some experience leading)
c. _____ Could be a leader (shows interest but needs skills and opportunities)

Explain why:

10. If there is anything else you would like to tell us about yourself, please feel free to attach additional information.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT: I understand and accept the attendance requirements for the Youth Leadership Initiative, which include attending the YLI Program orientation, the opening retreat, each of the program class sessions, and graduation.

Student Signature

Date



SECTION 2 – REFERENCE INFORMATION: (To Be Completed by Adult Reference)

The adult reference should be an individual that is personally acquainted with the student, and will have contact with the student throughout the next school year. References from family members are not acceptable. Please **PRINT** the following information clearly and completely.

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

NAME OF ADULT REFERENCE _____

POSITION/TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ORGANIZATION ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

1. Length of time you have known applicant? How do you know the applicant? *(References from relatives are not acceptable.)*

2. Tell us something you find unique about the applicant: _____

3. We are looking for a well-rounded class with applicants from each category below. Which best describes the personality of the applicant?

- a. _____ Already an established leader
- b. _____ Becoming a leader (has had some experience leading)
- c. _____ Could be a leader (shows interest but needs skills and opportunities)

4. What else would you like to say about the applicant? Describe why this youth should be selected for the GDMLI Youth Leadership Initiative: _____

NOMINATION: I nominate the youth listed on this Application Form for the **Youth Leadership Initiative**. I understand this is an interactive, hands-on experience aimed at youth who are beginning to show leadership potential and an interest in the community. I further certify that I am not related to the student whose name appears on the application.

Adult Reference Signature

Date