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| Name of Youth Leadership Kearney Applicant |

**Applicant Instructions**

This form is to be given to a person who can serve as a Community Reference (neighbor, employer, pastor, family friend—not a relative). Please provide your reference below.

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The student listed above is an applicant for Youth Leadership Kearney. The program works to enhance the knowledge and leadership skills of high school students by motivating and empowering them to be committed to their community. The program seeks youth who are beginning to show leadership potential and an interest in the community.

The Selection Committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by references and gratefully acknowledges your time and help. Application materials will be reviewed in confidence. References are to email this form to [info@leadershipkearney.com](mailto:info@leadershipkearney.com) with the applicant’s name as the subject line. This form must be sent no later than **Monday, May 3rd**. Applicant will be notified once references have been received. If you have any issues or questions, please feel free to reach out.

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| Name of Community Reference | |
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| Phone | Email Address |

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. Describe the applicant using a few phrases or adjectives. Please also describe the applicant’s primary strengths or talents.
3. Please comment on the applicant’s relationship with his/her peers.
4. Do you feel the applicant has an interest in leadership or giving back to the community?
5. We seek participants who represent all of the categories below. Which best describes the applicant?

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|  | Already an established leader |
|  | Becoming a leader (has had some experience leading) |
|  | Could become a leader (shows interest but needs skill and opportunity) |

1. Please rate your perception of the applicant’s skills in the following areas:

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|  | Top 10% of students his/her age |  | Average |  | Needs Improvement |
| Responsibility |  |  |  |  |  |
| Initiative |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maturity |  |  |  |  |  |
| Character |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work with others |  |  |  |  |  |
| Concern for others |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Please use the back of this sheet to tell us anything else you would like for us to know about the applicant.