



# High Lakes Youth Leadership Application

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Please print legibly.
2. The student must complete SECTION I-STUDENT INFORMATION.
3. The adult reference must complete SECTION II-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. The two sections (**Application** and **Reference Form**) should be sent together. The forms may be faxed or mailed.

High Lakes Youth Leadership Program  
208 W. Taylor, P.O. Box 471  
Creston, IA 50801  
FAX: 641-782-9927

6. If you have any questions regarding the Application or Reference Form, please contact:  
Wayne J. Pantini, UCDA Executive Director  
641-782-2003 or [director@ucda.us](mailto:director@ucda.us)

**Due Date:** Please submit the Application and Reference Form by December 31, 2011



SECTION I-STUDENT INFORMATION (To be completed by student)

First Name: _____	MI: _____	Last Name: _____
Street Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____
Phone: (cell) or (home) _____		Alternate phone: _____
Birth date: _____	Race/Ethnicity: _____	Gender: _____
Email: _____	Do you have Facebook? _____	

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School related activities/programs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Community activities/programs: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Any special recognition or honors for academic, school, religious, or community-related activities you have received in 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. Financial Reasons
- f. Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



2. Are you currently working? Do you plan to continue working during the school year?
- a. If yes, where do you work? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. If selected for the program, how would you handle your job and commitment to the program? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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4. Why do you want to be a member of the High Lakes Youth Leadership Program?

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

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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 High Lakes Youth Leadership Program? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Which category do you feel best represents you? (check one)

- a.  Already an established leader
- b.  Becoming a leader (I have some experience leading)
- c.  Could be a leader (I have interest in becoming a leader, but need skills and opportunities)

Explain why you chose the category you did: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Is there any other information you would like to tell us about yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT:** *I understand and accept the attendance requirements for the High Lakes Youth Leadership Program, which include attending an orientation, the opening retreat, each class session and graduation.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



SECTION II-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:_____ State:_____ Zip Code:_____
Phone: Personal_____ Office/daytime_____

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



3. Which best describes the personality of the applicant? (check one)
- a.  Already an established leader
  - b.  Becoming a leader (has some experience leading)
  - c.  Could be a leader (has interest in becoming a leader, but needs skills and opportunities)

Explain why you would characterize the student in that way: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What else would you like to say about the applicant? Describe why this youth should be selected for the High Lakes Youth Leadership Program: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

*NOMINATION: I nominate the youth listed on this application for the High Lakes Youth Leadership Program. 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