

COMMONWEALTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

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Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals

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2009 APPLICATION AND NOMINATION FORM

The Commonwealth Leadership Institute offers an educational, challenging, and potentially life-changing experience for selected high school student leaders in Virginia. The Institute seeks to help shape, prepare, and empower high school students to lead and affect change in their schools and communities, *now*. Students selected for the Institute will exhibit strong academic and leadership skills, and will be positive examples of engaged citizens.

Selection Criteria

Students must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Current junior in good standing (high school class of 2010)
- A/B grade average in a college preparatory program
- Actively involved in student council and/or other activities, such as clubs, community organizations, or athletics, preferably in a leadership role in at least one of these.
- Proposes a leadership project for her/his senior year that is **endorsed by the principal**.

Application and Nomination Process

- Interested students must complete the application form and submit it to their principal.
- Principals then nominate students meeting the criteria of the Institute, who would represent their school well, and whose leadership project is supported by the principal.
- The application and nomination form are submitted by the principal to CNU and VASSP.
- For more information, please contact Jennifer Green, at 757-594-8907 or jennifer.green@cnu.edu.

Selection of Students

A selection committee comprised of high school principals and CNU faculty will review all nomination forms and select the 2009 participants. **Acceptance letters will be mailed on February 2nd, 2009**, and a **Student Registration Form with deposit will be due by February 20th**.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Commonwealth Leadership Institute
Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals
4909 Cutshaw Avenue
Richmond, VA 23230

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION: January 16th, 2009

Commonwealth Leadership Institute Student Application Form

1. Applicant Information. Please complete before printing.

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

High School Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone:"aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

Cell Phone:"aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

Email: _____

Cumulative GPA (per most recent grading period): _____

PSAT/SAT/ACT Score: (Combined Math and Verbal): _____

PSAT: _____ SAT: _____ ACT: _____ [or to be taken: _____]
(Date)

2. Academic Achievement and Leadership

Please provide specific examples of how you have demonstrated excellence, creativity, and initiative in your academic career.

3. Co-Curricular and Community Involvement

List student council and/or other activities, such as clubs, community organizations, or athletics, that you have led or in which you have participated. Please include details on any leadership and service contributed to these activities.

4. Other Personal Achievements

Please offer examples of experiences you have had that would support your selection to the Commonwealth Leadership Institute. We are looking for not only academically sound participants, but for those who exhibit leadership qualities, integrity, and social ability.

5. Proposed Leadership Project:

Please check the ONE area of interest below that most appeals to you. There is NO best answer; any one of these is equal in importance to the others so please indicate your personal preference.

Leadership in school

School safety

Community service

Literacy programs

Health and fitness awareness

Based on the area of interest you selected above, provide in the space below a brief summary of a related project you would like to lead in your senior year.

PRINCIPAL'S NOMINATION FORM

(To be completed by the principal)

Principal's Name:

High School Name:

School Division:

School Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Office Phone: Fax: Email:

Student Applicant's Name:

Statement of nomination in support of the student's application:

I, the undersigned principal, hereby certify that the student applicant meets the minimum criteria of the Institute as set forth on the first page of this document, and I support the student's proposed leadership project for academic year 2009-10.

Principal's signature

Date

Return the completed nomination form with application in the above format by **Monday, January 16, 2009** to:

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