

**THE CENTER FOR CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Applicant Name: _____

Instructions for the Applicant:

1. Give this form to an adult who knows you well but is not a member of your family. This can be a teacher, coach, employer, church or youth group leader, etc.
2. Explain to this person your reasons for wanting to be involved with the Center for Conservation Leadership.
3. Ask this person to complete and return this recommendation form before the March 16, 2012 application deadline. The recommendation is confidential. If your recommender returns the recommendation to you, the envelope should be sealed with the recommender's signature over the flap. If your recommender prefers, he/she can mail this form directly to:

**CCL Certificate Program
350 N. Waukegan Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045**

To the Recommender:

The Center for Conservation Leadership (CCL) is committed to developing and empowering the next generation of conservation leaders to understand the importance of human interaction with the environment and to take responsibility for its care and preservation. CCL combines environmental education, leadership training and community service in a field based in-depth certification program. CCL seeks motivated 8th and 9th grade students from diverse backgrounds with a keen interest in the environment and a passion for the outdoors. The certificate program is comprised of:

- A three week residential summer program on campuses in northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.
- Several one-day week-end field trips, workshops and guest speakers during the school year designed to supplement the summer experience, expose students to career avenues and reinforce the social relationships formed during the summer.
- Mentored community service projects.

At the end of the first year, CCL awards students who successfully complete the program with a Certificate of Conservation Leadership. This certificate entitles students to use the Center for Conservation Leadership as a resource for expanded environmental education opportunities and internships.

Please fill out the recommender information on the reverse side of this form and return to CCL Certificate Program by the March 16, 2012.

Applicant Name: _____

Recommender Information

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. _____
First Last

School or Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions as fully as possible. Attach your answers to this form.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. Please comment on the applicant's work habits, learning style and role in group dynamics.
3. Does the applicant have a demonstrated interest in the environment?
4. Please describe how you think this student would contribute to the program.
5. How do you think the CCL Certificate Program would benefit this student?
6. Please address the applicant's responsibility, maturity and ability to be self-sufficient in a residential, social setting, spending much time outdoors.
7. Please address any concerns you may have about the student participating in this program.

Signature

Date

Thank you for submitting a recommendation for this applicant to the CCL certificate program. This recommendation is confidential. Please place this form and attached answers in a sealed envelope with your signature over the flap and return it to the student. If this is not possible, please mail, fax or email the recommendation to:

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