

# THE CENTER FOR CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

## 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 May 15, 2021 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 Program**  
**350 N. Waukegan Road**  
**Lake Forest, IL 60045**

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### To the Recommender:

The Center for Conservation Leadership (CCL) develops and empowers 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 seeks motivated high school students (current freshman - juniors) from diverse backgrounds with a keen interest in the environment and a passion for the outdoors. The year-long program combines environmental education, leadership training and community service in a field based in-depth program.

CCL begins in June, 2021 with *The Path to Conservation*, a series of videos, virtual meetings and field trips that introduce the students to the icons of the conservation movement. This is followed by an introduction to the various eco-systems and habitats in our northern Illinois region. We also engage the students in a guided exploration of the green spaces nearest their homes to broaden their environmental awareness.

Following that, students undertake an Action Project, tackling an issue that has meaning to them as a group. Together they find solutions and work to plan stewardship work that has meaning in their community. We also participate in several field trips and workdays, improving the local areas in which we live. The program culminates with a *three week trip* to northern Wisconsin in June 2022 designed to be an integrated and interactive experience. The group hikes, backpacks, canoes, kayaks and rock climbs, incorporating all they have learned.

Throughout the program, students continue to have more opportunities to challenge themselves, build relationships, and explore the environment. CCL is challenging and rewarding as it develops young conservation leaders for the future.

**Please fill out the recommender information on the reverse side of this form and return to CCL Program by May 15, 2021.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Recommender Information

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last

School or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions as fully as possible. Your thoughtful answers are important to us and to the student's consideration for the program. Attach your answers to this form.**

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. 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? Please be as specific as possible.
4. Describe how you think this student would contribute to the program.
5. How do you think the CCL Program would benefit this student?
6. Address the applicant's responsibility, maturity, commitment and ability to be self-sufficient and complete work in a residential, social setting, spending much time outdoors.
7. Address any concerns you may have about the student participating in this program.

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*Signature*

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*Date*

Thank you for submitting a recommendation for this applicant to the CCL 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 or mail/email the recommendation to:

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