



## Leadership U 2010 Application - Part One

Leadership U, a youth leadership development program sponsored by Leadership Howard County, is seeking applicants for the 2010 program. Selection criteria include leadership potential, concern for community and willingness to serve. All candidates must be sophomores and live in Howard County, regardless of where they attend high school.

### PERSONAL DATA (Please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First MI Preferred/Nickname*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip Code*

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent work phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ How did you find out about LU? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in need of Financial Assistance? Yes  No

**REFERENCES: two references are required. Please use one school related (e.g. teacher, coach, administrator, counselor, etc) and the other community/personal (e.g. employer, volunteer activity, faith based, youth group or other non-school related)**  
**RELATIVES ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN APPROPRIATE REFERENCE**

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### AGREEMENT (Please read this carefully!)

I certify that all answers given herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am currently a high school student in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and live in Howard County, Maryland.

I understand that Leadership U is a four month hands-on learning experience. This includes a one week summer program (July 25 - 30, 2010) followed by regularly scheduled meetings (usually bi-weekly on Sunday afternoons) through December 2010. If selected, I agree to attend all the meetings as listed above, take an active role in my team project and pay the tuition cost of \$750.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(OVER)

**Please print or type the answers to the questions below on a separate piece of paper:  
(Maximum 250 words per question, please.)**

1. Please describe the most important activity (or activities) in which you have participated during the last four years. Why do you consider this activity important? If you have not had the opportunity to participate in activities, please tell us why not? (Time, transportation, financial reasons, etc.)
2. Describe any part-time job experience (paid or volunteer) and/or your family responsibilities. Briefly describe what is involved and what you have gained from this experience.
3. Describe your school responsibilities (other than class work). How will you incorporate your other activities and responsibilities with your Leadership U commitment? Consider your time commitments and other responsibilities.
4. What gifts/talents do you have?
5. Who is your hero or heroine (someone you admire and why)?
6. Why do you want to participate in Leadership U?
7. In your opinion, what responsibility do youth have to help solve community problems?
8. If you could change anything in Howard County, what would it be and why?

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### **Leadership U 2010 Application Information**

Bring or send your *completed* application (including 5 copies of Parts One & Two) to: *Leadership Howard County, 5560 Sterrett Place, Suite 105, Columbia, Maryland 21044.*  
Applications are due by 4:00pm on Friday, March 12, 2010.

Please be sure that your application is *complete* before sending it to us. Use the application checklist below:

- Application Part One--Personal Data, Reference Information and Agreement with your signature at the bottom. (Please print clearly!)
- Application Part Two--Essay Questions on a separate piece of paper
- Include five (5) copies of Parts One & Two (references need not be copied)
- References---two references in sealed envelopes

If you have any questions, please email [dfreedman@leadershiphc.org](mailto:dfreedman@leadershiphc.org) or call us at 410-730-4474.

# APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 12, 2010 by 4:00pm

## ~Leadership U 2010 Reference Form~

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please answer questions below. Return it along with this cover page in a sealed envelope to the student as soon as possible. **The student must return the application to Leadership Howard County by 4pm on Friday, March 12, 2010.**

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Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (School/Business/Other): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following four questions:

- a) For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- b) What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents or strengths?
- c) Describe one situation where you observed the applicant in a leadership role.
- d) What would you like to tell the Committee about the applicant? Feel free to share your thoughts on the student's leadership potential, commitment to community service or other areas that will help us get to know the applicant.

### 2. Please rate the candidate in each of the following areas by checking the appropriate box.

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