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# G.R.O.W.S.

*Gaining Real World Opportunities With Students*

*Summer Program*



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**G.R.O.W.S**  
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**Summer Program Application**  
**Sunday, July 10 – Sunday, July 17, 2011**

**Mission**

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**Applicant Information**

**Please Print**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female

Parent/Guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School you currently attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Current high school grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_

**(You must attach a current copy of your high school transcript)**

Are you a member of an Honor's Society? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the SAT Exam? YES\_\_ NO\_\_ If yes please indicate scores.

Math\_\_\_\_ Verbal\_\_\_\_

Please rate your interest in attending Virginia State University. (circle one)

No Interest	Some Interest	Likely	Definite
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Please rate your interest in pursuing a career in teaching. (circle one)

No Interest	Some Interest	Likely	Definite
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**Essay Questions**

**Please attach your typed answers in response to the following questions:**

1. Why are you interested in attending the "G.R.O.W.S" Summer Program?
2. What subject area would you like to teach? Why?
3. What is something you think you can do very well?
4. Why is education important to you? If not explain why.
5. What are three words or phrases you would use to describe yourself?

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the enclosed recommendation form with all other application materials by Friday, May 6, 2011.**

**Checklist:**

**Signed Application**  
 **Copy of transcript**

**Completed Recommendation Form**  
 **Essay**

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

**Virginia State University  
Shandra Claiborne  
1 Hayden Dr.  
P.O. Box 9088  
Petersburg, VA 23806  
Email: [sclaiborne@vsu.edu](mailto:sclaiborne@vsu.edu)  
(804) 524-5196**



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## **G.R.O.W.S Summer Program**

# **School Representative RECOMMENDATION FORM**

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Students seeking to participate in the program are required to submit the following recommendation form as a part of their application. Upon completion, we request that you return this form to the student in a signed sealed envelope to be included with their other application materials.

Thank you,

G.R.O.W.S Program

**Name of student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School Representative making recommendation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of School Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

<b>Student Characteristics</b>				
<b>Social Interaction:</b>	<b>Seldom</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>Consistently</b>
Exhibits independence				
Works well with their peers				
Shows self control				
Exhibits leadership skills				
Exhibits self confidence				
Responds well to criticism				
<b>Work Habits</b>				
Works well in groups				
Works well independently				
Makes good use of time				
Well organized				
Completes assignments on time				
Follows oral instruction				
Follows written instruction				
<b>Approach To Learning</b>				
Eager to learn				
Exhibits creativity				
Seeks help when needed				
Shows initiative				
Risk taker				
Exhibits problem solving skills				
Challenges self				

**Overall Recommendation**

\_\_\_ I recommend the applicant without reservation as **an excellent candidate** for participation in The G.R.O.W.S Summer Teacher Preparation Program.

\_\_\_ On the whole, I recommend the applicant as **a good candidate** for participation in The G.R.O.W.S Summer Teacher Preparation Program.

\_\_\_ I have some reservations but feel that the applicant is **a reasonable candidate** for participation in The G.R.O.W.S Summer Teacher Preparation Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date