

# Reference Form

Instructions: Complete section I and then have your pastor, youth pastor, ministry leader, or small group leader, who knows your testimony and who has observed your spiritual growth, complete section II. This should be someone who knows you, but is not a family member.

I. To be completed by applicant (please type or print)

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver of right of access to confidential statement: I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily waive any right to inspect the content of this recommendation.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

II. To be completed by the pastor/youth pastor/ministry leader/small group leader. (Please type or print).

VLI requires the applicant to have the maturity, character, and integrity of a leader in the ministry of the kingdom of God. VLI is looking for the called and committed leader to be further trained as the leader God has called him or her to be. As an applicant the student above is required to submit a recommendation from either his/her pastor, youth pastor, ministry leader, or small group leader. Your comments are important to us. Therefore, please provide your honest, complete and careful evaluation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the VLI representative at 614.259.5417.

Please return this completed form promptly to:

Attn: VLI Accountant  
Vineyard Columbus  
6000 Cooper Road  
Westerville, Ohio 43081

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How well do you know the applicant (please check one of the following):  
 Close personal relationship       Fairly well       Casually       By name only
3. Does the applicant profess to be saved/ born again?  
 Yes       No       I don't know
4. Do you observe evidence to support this profession?  
 Yes       No       I don't know

5. Is the applicant living a consistent Christian life?  
 Yes  No  I don't know  
What evidence have you observed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What spiritual gifts are evident in the applicant's life? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Describe the type of ministry you have observed the applicant performing. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Describe the applicant's pattern of service in ministry. He/She serves in ministry:  
 Regularly (weekly)  Occasionally (2x/month or so)  
 Sporadically (1x/month or less)
9. Describe briefly the applicant's home situation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Are you aware if the applicant has been investigated for or accused of sexual or physical abuse?  
 Yes  No  I don't know  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you aware of the applicant being charged or convicted of any criminal offense?  
 Yes  No  I don't know  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Through your observation of the applicant or through your hearing of his/her testimony, is it evident that the applicant has experience outstanding change and growth when he/she committed his/her life to Christ?  
 Yes  No  I don't know  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Is the applicant's reputation above reproach and consistent with biblical teaching?  
 Yes  No  I don't know  
If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. If the applicant is single, how would you describe his/her dating practices?  
 Consistent with Biblical teaching       Have not observed       Questionable  
 Definite problem, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
15. If married, how would you describe the applicant's relationship with his/her spouse?  
 Healthy and Mature       Reasonable but with unresolved issues  
 Definite problem, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
16. How would you describe the applicant's attitude toward authority?  
 Consistent with Biblical teaching       Have not observed       Questionable  
 Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
17. In social relationships with peers, the applicant is:  
 Sought out       Accepted       Tolerated  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
18. In handling finances, would you say the applicant's practices are?  
 Consistent with Biblical teaching       Have not observed       Questionable  
 Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
19. Which of the following present the greatest challenge to the applicant: The applicant's spirituality, cooperativeness, honesty, tactfulness, good judgment, willingness to do hard work?  
 Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation concerning acceptance:**

VLI requires the applicant to have the maturity, character, and integrity of a kingdom leader. VLI is looking for the called and committed leader for the kingdom to be further trained as the leader God has called him or her to be. If you were the Director of Vineyard Leadership Institute with the mandate to train students for full-time Christian leadership, knowing what you do about the applicant, would you think it wise to accept this student?

- Yes, enthusiastically       Yes, with reservations       No

**I would like to discuss this recommendation by phone (optional)**

Yes

No

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please type or print) \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Thank you for your time. We value your help in partnering with us to train and raise up leaders of integrity for the kingdom of God.*

*The staff at Vineyard Leadership Institute*