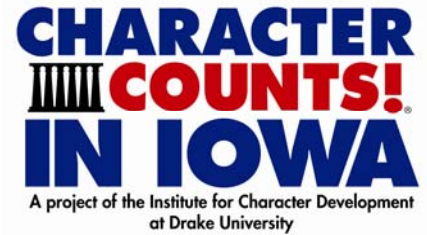




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New Member Application Information

Young Leaders of Character:

Young Leaders of Character (YLC) is a unique project that integrates character development, youth service, youth leadership, and youth empowerment. YLC is made up of select Iowa high school students who travel the state to teach other students about making good choices using the Six Pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! In addition to working with Iowa students, YLC members attend monthly educational and training sessions, and work with their schools and communities in a variety of service projects.

Students Interested in Applying Should be:

- Students who practice the Six Pillars of Character®: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring & Citizenship.
- Students who wish to develop their leadership skills.
- Students who are in grades 8-10 in the 2009-2010 school year.
- Students who live within 50 miles of Drake University.

Those accepted must be able to:

- Attend a 6 hour leadership/team building workshop on **May 15, 2010**, in Des Moines.
- Be present during YLC Leadership Week **June 14-18, 2010**, held on the Drake University campus (day and night)
- Be able and willing to commit to attending 10 (of 12) monthly YLC meetings.
- Be willing to participate in at least 2 school/student presentations throughout the school year, possibly missing that day of school.
- Be able to provide their own transportation to and from YLC events.



2009 Young Leaders of Character



Application Process

Stage 1: Written Application

- A completed application must be **postmarked by February 23, 2010** and submitted to:
Wendy Batten Havemann
Young Leaders of Character
1213 25th Street
Des Moines, IA 50311
- Students must provide two sealed letters of recommendation discussing the student's character and potential to further develop character and leadership skills. One recommendation **must** be from a school representative (e.g. administrator, counselor, faculty or staff member – not a student), and one **must** be a recommendation from an adult who knows the student well (e.g. faith community, civic or service organization, city government, but NOT from a family member).

Stage 2: Personal Interview

- Applicants will be notified by mail if they are invited to participate in the personal interview process.
- Qualified applicants will be invited to participate in personal interviews on **April 11, 2010**.

Stage 3: Selection of new YLC Members

- Current YLC Members will participate in the selection process.
- Selection will be based on the applicant's personal interview, letters of recommendation and written application. With this said, it is imperative that effort is put into all aspects of the application process.
- Applicants who are invited to join YLC will be notified by April 20, 2010.

Please direct questions about the Young Leaders of Character or application process to:

Wendy Batten Havemann
Youth Involvement Director,
Character Counts in Iowa
515.271.1909 or
wendy.havemann@drake.edu

[Learn More at CharacterCountsInIowa.org](http://CharacterCountsInIowa.org)

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Application

Please follow all submission instructions carefully!

Incomplete nominations or materials submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

(Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home phone (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

Current Grade _____ School Building _____

School District _____ Birth date ____/____/____ Gender _____

Answer the following questions (submissions should be typed on a separate page with 12-14pt font and limited to 3 pages):

1. What are the values you live your life by and who has been most important in your life to help you establish those values?
2. Who most exemplifies good character/leadership to you and why? (use a person other than the one used in question #1)
3. If your friends and family were asked to describe you, what would they say?
4. YLC members attempt to live their lives by the values of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. They are asked to model and demonstrate good character and require a commitment of time and responsibility. How do you show these in daily life?
5. Given the expectations listed in #4, why are you interested in being a part of YLC and why would you be a good member?
6. Please include a list of current extra-curricular activities.

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If I am invited to join YLC, I am confident that:

___ In 2010, I can attend the personal interview on **April 11**, required training sessions on **May 15, June 14-18**, and YLC monthly meetings.

___ I can provide my own transportation to and from required sessions listed above, as well as meetings during the next year.

___ I will have the time to participate in YLC activities while balancing the responsibilities I already have (school and/or work).

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

My child, _____, has my permission to apply for, and, if selected, participate in Young Leaders of Character.

Parent/Guardian Name (please print):

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Completed applications must include:

- This signature page
- Two-page Application
- 2 letters of recommendation