

Impact Leadership Initiative America - 2022 Scholarship Application Form

Deadline: August 08, 2022

EVALUATION FORM TO BE ATTACHED TO REFERENCE LETTER

Dear Evaluator,

We appreciate your time in completing this evaluation form and writing a reference letter for the candidate's application for a scholarship grant from the Impact Leadership Initiative America (ILIA). Evaluators should please help the scholarship committee gain significant insights into the applicant. Many evaluators rate their candidates at very high levels that are not consistent with the candidates' other records. For example, we may receive a rating of "Truly Exceptional" for all categories for a candidate with an average GPA. Most reference letters contain only general, conclusory statements such as, "John is one of the best students I have ever taught," without providing any examples or particular insights to us as to why John is one of the best students. While we understand that reference providers are reluctant to share anything that may be perceived as negative, we give a great deal of consideration to a balanced and thoughtful evaluator. Our scholarship committee has a very difficult task of picking the scholarship recipients out of many applicants, and we hope that you will provide an accurate and balanced evaluation and reference letter so that we may better assess your candidate. Again, many thanks for taking the time out of your busy schedule to assist this individual in his/her quest on their chosen career path.

Name of candidate: _____

How long have you known the candidate? _____

In what capacity do you know the candidate? _____

In the rating chart below, please evaluate the applicant in comparison with other students whom you have known (check one column for each row):

| | Truly Exceptional (top 1%) | Outstanding (top 10%) | Good (top 25%) | Average (top 50%) | Below Average | No Basis to Evaluate |
|--|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Intellectual ability | | | | | | |
| Maturity | | | | | | |
| Character | | | | | | |
| Leadership qualities | | | | | | |
| Resourcefulness and initiative | | | | | | |
| Motivation to pursue excellence | | | | | | |
| Adaptability to new situations | | | | | | |
| Perseverance | | | | | | |

Date

Signature

Name, Position, Institution

Please attach to this form a letter of reference in which you provide a detailed narrative of your evaluation of the candidate's traits in the categories listed above. If you rate the candidate as "Truly Exceptional" in any category, please provide details or specific examples to support that rating.