



NCCEP Youth Leadership Summit Letter of Recommendation Request

Student's Name

Greetings,

I am applying to attend the 2026 NCCEP Youth Leadership Summit (YLS), a national leadership experience hosted in Washington, DC from July 19–22, 2026, during the NCCEP/GEAR UP Annual Conference. The summit will host 150 students from across the country, and Region 10 GEAR UP will select two students from Lancaster High School to participate.

Students selected for YLS will engage in interactive leadership training that strengthens student voice, advocacy, public speaking, systems-thinking, and college readiness skills through collaboration with peers, program staff, and national trainers. Participants will represent their campus and district as student leaders.

As part of the application process, I am required to submit two (2) letters of recommendation from two different individuals who can speak to my character, leadership, and academic readiness.

I would be honored if you would consider writing a letter of recommendation in support of my application.

Letter Guidelines

- **Due Date:** February 24, 2026
- **Length:** One page
- **Format:** Signed letter (digital or handwritten signature accepted)

Please Include:

- Your full name and position/title
- How you know me and in what capacity
- Highlights of my:
 - Leadership skills
 - Communication skills
 - Academic performance
 - Character and work ethic
- Any additional information you feel would be helpful for the selection committee

Note: Please write the letter in a general format so that I may also use it for future scholarship or leadership opportunities. It does not need to specifically mention the NCCEP conference.

Thank you for considering supporting my application and for the impact you make in my educational journey.