

2016-2017 Application Materials



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THE CENTER FOR
CONSERVATION
LEADERSHIP

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ADMISSION INFORMATION
APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 18, 2016**

The Center for Conservation Leadership (CCL) seeks high school students from diverse backgrounds with a keen interest in the environment and enthusiasm for the outdoors. The year-long CCL Program is challenging, rewarding and fun! Students applying to the CCL Program must make a commitment to all three components of the program: summer experience, school year workshops and environmental stewardship project. Upon completing the three components, each student receives a certificate recognizing his/her achievement.

The program is comprised of:

- A three-week residential summer experience, **June 13 – July 1, 2016**
- Work days and educational seminars (2016 summer; 2016-2017 school year)
- Mentored environmental stewardship project completed by March, 2017

To apply for the Center for Conservation Leadership Program:

- Students must have completed 8th or 9th grade in 2016
- Student must agree to participate in all three components of the program (see above)
- Students must submit all application materials by March 18, 2016

Application materials include:

- Completed application questions
- Recommendation form
- Financial aid materials (if applicable)

You may also download the application from our website at www.centerforconservationleadership.org.

APPLY EARLY! Preference given to students who submit an application early.

Financial Assistance

Need-based financial assistance is available!

Interested applicants should include the following information with their application:

- A parental statement indicating need, qualifications or special circumstances
- A copy of the most recent tax return must also be attached
- If the applicant qualifies for free lunch at school, please send that documentation

Looking Ahead:

- Upon receipt of application, students will be contacted for an interview
- Students will be notified of their admission decision by April 1, 2016
- The Program tuition is \$3,250. This includes tuition, room, board, transportation, and activities (*Financial Aid is available, please see above*)
- A non-refundable \$200 deposit is required upon acceptance

Beyond the CCL Program

Students who complete the CCL Program are encouraged to apply for CCL's High School Internship Program (HSIP), a comprehensive program incorporating environmental education, enhanced leadership development, an internship and a week-long trip to reinforce skills and principles learned during the summer.

Se habla español. Si tiene preguntas acerca del programa CCL llame a nuestra línea telefónica 847.943.7429.

Questions? : Please call 847.943.7429 or email CCL@LFOLA.ORG

For additional information, please visit our website at www.centerforconservationleadership.org.

THE CENTER FOR CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP
APPLICATION 2016-17 QUESTIONS

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

We want to know who you are! Think carefully about your personal answers to these questions. Write as thoughtfully and completely as you can. Please write or type your personal answers on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this sheet.

1. The CCL program consists of a three week summer experience and a year-long environmental stewardship project. Why do you want to participate in the Center for Conservation Leadership Program?

Attach answers on a separate sheet.

2. Tell us about your involvement with nature and the outdoors. Do you like to be outside? Have you ever been camping or participated in activities or sports outside?

Attach answers on a separate sheet.

3. Tell us about your leadership experience, specifically a time or situation when you stepped up to lead a group, family, friends, classmates, etc. What did you do? How did you handle it? How did you feel when you were in this situation?

Attach answers on a separate sheet.

4. CCL is more than just a three week summer experience. It extends into the school year as you work on an environmental stewardship project in your own community. Please comment on your ability to fulfill this requirement and your ideas for an environmental stewardship project.

Attach answers on a separate sheet.

5. Following the three week summer experience, you are paired with a mentor who will help you as you plan and implement your environmental stewardship project. Introduce yourself to your mentor in a short letter. Tell them about yourself, where you go to school, your hobbies, and what you hope to get out of this experience.

Attach answers on a separate sheet.

If there is anything else you would like us to know, please feel free to include additional information on another sheet.

I certify that the attached answers to the above questions were written by me, the student applying to the Center for Conservation Leadership Program.

Student Signature

Date

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STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION FORM
APPLICATION 2016-17

Date _____

Student Information

Applicant's name: _____

First

Last

Preferred Name

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student Email: _____

Current age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Gender: M F

Background Information

Race: _____ Ethnicity: _____

1. Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Name: _____

(Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.) First Last

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

(If different than student)

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Relationship to student: _____

(Mother, Father, Legal Guardian, Relative)

Please send all notifications to: Parent 1 Parent 2

2. Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Name: _____

(Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.) First Last

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

(If different than student)

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Relationship to student: _____

(Mother, Father, Legal Guardian, Relative)

Both

School Information

Name of school attended in 2015-2016: _____

School Address: _____ Grade: _____

Type of School: Public Private Charter Parochial Home School

Name of School attending in 2016-2017: _____

School Address *(If different from above)*: _____ Grade: _____

Type of School: Public Private Charter Parochial Home School

Other Information

Name of person writing your reference: _____

Relationship to student: Teacher Coach Youth Leader Other: _____

How did you find out about CCL? _____

**THE CENTER FOR CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Applicant Name: _____

Instructions for the Applicant:

1. Give this form to an adult who knows you well but is not a member of your family. This can be a teacher, coach, employer, church or youth group leader, etc.
2. Explain to this person your reasons for wanting to be involved with the Center for Conservation Leadership.
3. Ask this person to complete and return this recommendation form before the March 18, 2016 application deadline. The recommendation is confidential. Please have your recommender send the recommendation to CCL@LFOLA.org or mail it to:

**CCL Certificate Program
350 N. Waukegan Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045**

If your recommender returns the recommendation to you, the envelope should be sealed with the recommender's signature over the flap.

To the Recommender:

The Center for Conservation Leadership (CCL) is committed to developing and empowering the next generation of conservation leaders to understand the importance of human interaction with the environment and to take responsibility for its care and preservation. CCL combines environmental education, leadership training and community service in a field-based in-depth certification program. CCL seeks motivated 8th and 9th grade students from diverse backgrounds with a keen interest in the environment and a passion for the outdoors. The CCL Program is challenging and rewarding. It requires commitment and responsibility and is comprised of:

- A three week residential summer program in northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula.
- Several one-day week-end field trips, workshops and guest speakers during the school year designed to supplement the summer experience, expose students to career avenues and reinforce the social relationships formed during the summer.
- Mentored environmental stewardship projects.

At the end of the first year, CCL awards students who successfully complete the program with a Certificate of Conservation Leadership. This certificate entitles students to use the Center for Conservation Leadership as a resource for expanded environmental education opportunities and internships.

Please fill out the recommender information on the reverse side of this form and return to CCL Program with a letter answering the recommender questions by March 18, 2016.

Applicant Name: _____

Recommender Information

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. _____
First Last

School or Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Please attach a letter that includes responses to the following questions.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. Comment on the applicant's work habits, learning style and role in group dynamics.
3. Does the applicant have a demonstrated interest in the environment? Please be as specific as possible.
4. Describe how you think this student would contribute to the program.
5. How do you think the CCL Program would benefit this student?
6. Address any concerns you may have about the student participating in this program.

Signature

Date

Thank you for submitting a recommendation for this applicant to the CCL Program. This recommendation is confidential. Mail, fax or email the recommendation to the address below. If this is not possible, please return the recommendation to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature over the flap.

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A complete application includes:

- The recommendation form. This form must be completed by someone other than a family member such as a teacher, youth or church group leader, or employer. Your recommender should be able to speak to your interest and ability to succeed in the CCL program
- The completed application questions
- If applying for financial aid, please submit a parental statement indicating need, qualifications or special circumstances and a copy of your most recent tax return. If the applicant qualifies for free lunch at school, please submit that documentation

Certification/Releases

We have read the CCL brochure and fully understand the nature of the program, admission criteria, refund and financial aid policies. We agree to abide by the rules and policies set by the staff of CCL. As a parent/guardian, I give my permission for my child to participate in the CCL program and all related activities and field trips.

As a student, I give CCL representatives permission to contact my parent(s), guardian(s) and/or emergency contacts to discuss any academic, health, administrative, social or disciplinary matters related to my participation in CCL.

We certify that all statements and materials presented in this application are correct and complete and agree that the deliberate submission of inaccurate, incomplete or misleading statements or materials constitutes ground for revocation of admission or dismissal from the program.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

All materials should be mailed or emailed to:

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