**Missouri Youth Leadership Forum Reference Form**

**Section 1: (To be completed by the applicant)**

Name:       Email:

Address:       City:       Zip Code:

Phone:

**Section 2: (To the Reference)**

The person named above is an applicant for the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (Forum). The Forum is a unique career leadership-training program for high school students with disabilities, ages 16-21. Youth delegates are selected from their local communities to cultivate leadership, citizenship and social skills at this four day summer program.

The goals of the Forum are to:

* Develop leadership skills to ensure that all youth with disabilities will realize their full potential.
* Promote inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society.
* Participate in policymaking or practices that affect young people with disabilities

For more information on the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities visit <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/ylf.htm>.

**Please complete the following questionnaire on the back of this page. Please return by fax, email, or mail to:**

The Governor’s Council on Disability, PO Box 1668, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Email: gcd@oa.mo.gov Fax: 573-526-4109 Phone: 800-877-8249

Name of Reference:       Position/Title:

School / Firm / Organization:

City:       State:       Zip Code:

Email:       Phone:

**Please mail/email this form after completing to the Governor’s Council on Disability by March 1, 2015.**

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

1. What are the applicant’s strengths?

1. How does the applicant exhibit the following?

Concern for others:

Responsibility:

Maturity:

Interaction with Peers:

1. What other leadership qualities do you see in the applicant in addition to those listed above?

1. We are looking for students who have leadership potential, and demonstrate involvement in extra- curricular activities, community involvement, and the ability to interact effectively with other students. Do you believe with the right supports and training this applicant has the potential to become a better leader and return to their community with a desire to make a difference?

1. Additional Comments:

Signature of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: