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G.R.O.W.S.
Gaining Real World Opportunities With Students

Summer Program

The Reflective Practitioner
Competent
Teachers
Caring
Educational Leaders

School Counselors

Creating Positive Learning Environments for All Students

Effective

Professional Education Programs

NCATE
The Standard of Excellence in Teacher Preparation
G.R.O.W.S
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Summer Program Application
Sunday, July 12– Sunday, July 17, 2015

Mission
The G.R.O.W.S summer program is a week-long program on the campus of Virginia State University for students interested in becoming teachers. During this academic college preparation program, all travel and room and board expenses are covered for selected students as part of the program participation. The program is open to upcoming seniors. The program is intended to increase college readiness and nurture an interest in educational careers. **Please do not apply if you are not interested in majoring in the teaching field for college.**

Applicant Information

Please Type all Information

Student Name: ___________________________________________

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: _____ Gender: ____ Male ____ Female

Parent/Guardian name(s): __________________, ________________, ________________

Home Address: _______________________ City: __________ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: ( ) ______ - ________ E-mail address: ______________________

High School you currently attend: _________________________________________

Current high school grade point average: _____________
(You must attach a current copy of your high school transcript)

Are you a member of an Honor’s Society? YES____ NO____

Have you taken the SAT Exam? YES__ NO__ If yes please indicate scores.

Math____ Verbal____

Will you be taking the SAT examination soon?  YES____ NO____ Please list date ________________

Please rate your interest in attending Virginia State University for college. (check one)

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Please rate your interest in pursuing a career in teaching. (check one)

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Essay Questions

Please attach your typed answers in response to the following questions: You must answer all of them.

1. Why are you interested in attending the “G.R.O.W.S” Summer Program?

2. What subject area would you like to teach? Why?
   (A subject must be identified or your application will be incomplete.)

3. Why do you want to be a teacher?

4. What experiences have you had that helped make your decision to want to teach?

5. What are three words or phrases you would use to describe yourself? Explain

6. Do you know someone who has attended the GROWS Summer Program? If so, who?

Signature of Student ____________________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____________________________________

Signature of School Counselor ________________________________

Please return the enclosed recommendation form with all other application materials by Friday, March 30, 2015. (Must be postmarked by March 30, 2015)

Checklist:

___ Signed Application                   ___ Completed Recommendation Form
___ Copy of transcript                   ___ Essay

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
Virginia State University
Shandra Claiborne-Payton
1 Hayden Dr.
P.O. Box 9088
Petersburg, VA 23806
Email: sclaiborne@vsu.edu
(804) 524-5196
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Students seeking to participate in the program are required to submit the following recommendation form as a part of their application. Upon completion, we request that you return this form to the student in a signed sealed envelope to be included with their other application materials.

Thank you,

G.R.O.W.S Program

Name of student: ___________________________________________________________

Name of School Representative making recommendation: _______________________

Title of School Representative: _____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Phone number: _____________________________________________________________

Email address: _____________________________________________________________
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RECOMMENDATION FORM

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**Overall Recommendation**

___ I recommend the applicant without reservation as an excellent candidate for participation in The G.R.O.W.S Summer Teacher Preparation Program.

___ On the whole, I recommend the applicant as a good candidate for participation in The G.R.O.W.S Summer Teacher Preparation Program.

___ I have some reservations but feel that the applicant is a reasonable candidate for participation in The G.R.O.W.S Summer Teacher Preparation Program.

_____________________________________  _________________
Signature                                                                                                Date