

# Pastoral Recommendation



## This part is to be filled in by the student

I authorize DLA and its agents to verify any information related to my application. I also authorize individuals, schools, employers, and law enforcement officials to freely release any information concerning my background, and hereby release any and all of them from any liability for doing so.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Email \_\_\_\_\_

**By typing in your full name, you, the student, waive your right to review this completed document**

Student – Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## This part is to be filled in by the pastor/youth leader

Thank you in advance for your help. Each DLA applicant must submit a pastoral recommendation. We are interested in your assessment of this student's spiritual development. Serious consideration will be given to your comments; therefore, we ask you to complete this form carefully. Please comment on the student's level of commitment to spiritual growth, participation in a church or organization, and potential to contribute to a Christian community, keeping the following lifestyle expectations in mind:

DLA seeks to admit students who will thrive in a distinctly Christian learning community. Members of DLA are committed to Christian values and actively participate in the integration of faith and learning. Students are required to refrain from the possession, use or being under the influence of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs during their time as a student in DLA. DLA students commit to specific standards and are required to refrain from immoral sexual behavior and from the possession and use of obscene or pornographic images or literature and will strive for an attitude of purity. Students will be coached and counseled if they struggle with these matters. These standards are established in order to provide a healthy environment for growth and learning.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant?  Very Well  Well  Casually

Do you feel the applicant possesses the necessary qualities to succeed in DLA?  Yes  No

Do you believe the applicant has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?  Yes  No

Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

To your knowledge, is the applicant's present conduct consistent with the lifestyle described above?

Yes  No

What evidence have you observed? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly identify the applicant as either an active, average, or indifferent participant in the activities of the church/organization. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please assess the applicant's characteristics in the following areas by checking one box under each heading.

### Physical condition

- Above average strength/stamina
- Good health
- Fairly healthy
- Frequently limited

### Servanthood

- Reluctant to serve
- Will serve with proper motivation
- Usually willing to serve
- Aggressive to look for chances to serve

### Productivity

- Starts things, but rarely finishes them
- Meets the minimum requirements
- Reliable to fulfill expectations
- Takes initiative to go beyond the obvious

### Intelligence

- Challenged in learning new things
- Average ability to comprehend
- Above average ability to think for himself/herself
- Brilliant and exceptional thinking

### Willingness to be deeply changed

- Not teachable or motivated to change
- Often offended and somewhat content
- Willing to receive correction or rebuke
- Seeks out those who will sharpen him/her

### Christian experience

- Not very deep
- Sharp peaks and deep valleys
- Genuine but not aggressive
- Genuine and growing
- Thriving and passionate

### Ability to work with others

- Sometimes causes friction
- Usually cooperative
- Works well with others

### Relationships

- Avoided by others
- Often misunderstood
- Tolerated by others
- Liked by others
- Respected by others

### Leadership ability

- Avoids opportunities to lead
- Has the ability, but chooses to hold back
- Tries to lead, but needs to mature
- Has good leadership skills
- Exceptional ability to lead

Please check the attributes that are strongly evident in the applicant from your perspective (check all that apply):

- |  |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding | <input type="checkbox"/> Perfectionist      | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily embarrassed | <input type="checkbox"/> Moody              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dependable    | <input type="checkbox"/> Critical           | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient            | <input type="checkbox"/> Servant-hearted    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastic  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacking humor      | <input type="checkbox"/> Prejudiced         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fearful            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stable        | <input type="checkbox"/> Motivated          | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily offended    | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily discouraged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anxious       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lacking confidence | <input type="checkbox"/> Peaceful           | <input type="checkbox"/> Committed          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wise          | <input type="checkbox"/> Nervous            | <input type="checkbox"/> Humorous           | <input type="checkbox"/> Domineering        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good listener | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative           |   |   |



Based on your knowledge of the applicant, would he or she likely profit from the DLA experience? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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From your perspective, please identify several of the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. \_\_\_\_\_

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Rank the applicant in the following areas:

	Uncertain	Weak	Fair	Good	Outstanding
Spiritual maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Devotion to Jesus Christ	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity and honesty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Openness to correction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work ethic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working without supervision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Willingness to serve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Church involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peer Relationship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teachability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments or explanations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Has the applicant been involved in the following within the last year? (Check all that apply)

- Drugs
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Theft
- Sexual Crimes
- Criminal Activity
- Physical Abuse
- Fraud
- Pornography

\*This does not disqualify the applicant in any way but helps us to better understand the best discipleship for this applicant.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Based on the above information, I support the following recommendation regarding the applicant's admission into DLA:

- Strongly recommend
- Recommend
- Do not recommend

Would you like to discuss the applicant with our staff?  Yes  No

If yes, how can we contact you? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

After completing this recommendation, please email to:

**DLAapps@newlifechurch.org**

If you wish to make additional comments about the applicant, please contact an admissions staff member at 719-234-7719 or DLAapps@newlifechurch.org. DLA reserves the right to select students on the basis of academic performance and personal qualifications. DLA does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, or national or ethnic origin in its programs and activities.