

**Community Reference Form
REACH Georgia Application**

Note to the Student Applicant:

This reference form is to be completed by a person in your community who knows you well (e.g., a pastor, coach, friend or neighbor). **This person cannot be related to you.** Be sure to give your reference sufficient time to complete the form before the application due date.

Complete your information below before sending this form to your reference.

Student Applicant Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

IMPORTANT NOTE to the Student's Academic Reference:

This student has been nominated to apply to participate in the Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen (REACH) Georgia Program. REACH Georgia is a mentorship and scholarship program that begins in the 8th grade and provides REACH Scholars with the academic, social and financial support needed to graduate from high school, gain access to college and achieve post-secondary success. Upon graduation from high school, Scholars are awarded up to \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year for up to four years) towards the cost of attendance at a Georgia HOPE-eligible postsecondary institution.

The student applicant is asking you to provide information that will help the REACH Scholar selection committee identify the students who will most benefit from the REACH Georgia Program. You cannot be related to the student.

Please provide your thoughtful and honest responses and return this form to:

REACH Contact: _____

Due Date: _____

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PART ONE

Student Name: _____ School System: _____

Select the appropriate response based on your knowledge of the nominated student:

The applicant is helpful and courteous to people around him/her.

strongly agree agree neutral disagree strongly disagree

The applicant is trustworthy.

strongly agree agree neutral disagree strongly disagree

The applicant is reliable and can be counted on to complete tasks.

strongly agree agree neutral disagree strongly disagree

The applicant is respectful of himself/herself.

strongly agree agree neutral disagree strongly disagree

The applicant cares about the well-being of others.

strongly agree agree neutral disagree strongly disagree

The applicant shows leadership potential.

strongly agree agree neutral disagree strongly disagree

The applicant demonstrates drive, dedication, and determination.

strongly agree agree neutral disagree strongly disagree

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PART TWO

Student Name: _____ School System: _____

1. How long have you known the student applicant?

2. How do you know the applicant?

3. What are some of the applicant's best qualities?

4. How do you believe the opportunity to participate in the REACH Georgia Program will help the applicant succeed?

5. What are some ways the applicant may have difficulty in the program (behavior, attendance, grades, consistency, interacting with adults, etc.)?

6. What are some weaknesses/areas of potential the applicant can work on to be even more successful?

7. Is there anything else you can tell us about the applicant?

Reference Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____