Virginia State University
The School of Liberal Arts and Education
Professional Education Programs Unit

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

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The Reflective Practitioner
Competent Teachers
Caring Educational Leaders
Creating Positive Learning Environments for All Students

Effective

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

Summer Program Application
Sunday, July 10 – Sunday, July 17, 2011

Mission

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Applicant Information

Please Print

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____

Please rate your interest in attending Virginia State University. (circle one)

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

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Essay Questions

Please attach your typed answers in response to the following questions:

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?

3. What is something you think you can do very well?

4. Why is education important to you? If not explain why.

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

Signature of Student ____________________________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____________________________________

Signature of School Counselor ____________________________________

Please return the enclosed recommendation form with all other application materials by Friday, May 6, 2011.

Checklist:

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

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:
Virginia State University
Shandra Claiborne
1 Hayden Dr.
P.O. Box 9088
Petersburg, VA 23806
Email: sclaiborne@vsu.edu
(804) 524-5196
G.R.O.W.S Summer Program

School Representative
RECOMMENDATION FORM

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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

## Student Characteristics

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<td>Responds well to criticism</td>
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## Work Habits

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## Approach To Learning

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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