



Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill

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Dear Reference:

You have been chosen to write a recommendation for an applicant to the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill's Girls' Leadership Workshop. The Girls' Leadership Workshop works to create a more just world by educating, empowering, and activating young women to become the next generation of social justice leaders, using the example set by Eleanor Roosevelt. Participants experience self-discovery and leadership development throughout the nine-day summer program at Val-Kill, Mrs. Roosevelt's country home and personal retreat in Hyde Park, NY.

More than 50 inspiring presenters and mentors share their experiences and areas of expertise with the girls each summer. GLW participants develop self-confidence, supportive relationships, knowledge, and skills through a series of interactive workshops and panel discussions with contemporary women leaders on topics such as challenging bias, human rights and social justice activism, conflict resolution, public speaking, women in politics, international diplomacy, and the legacy of Eleanor Roosevelt. The program also involves opportunities for creative expression and physical activity as well as field trips to the UN and UNICEF in New York City, local historic sites, and wilderness areas.

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Each spring sixty girls who are currently in the ninth or tenth grade are selected from a pool of applicants to attend one of two summer sessions. The 30 participants in each session of the Girls' Leadership Workshop constitute a diverse group of exceptional girls from across the United States, and increasingly from outside of the United States. Girls are selected based on their leadership potential, their demonstrated commitment to community service and social justice, their level of maturity, and their academic and extra-curricular achievement.

To benefit fully from the GLW experience, participants must be self-motivated, mature, and interested in the well-being of others. We would appreciate your thoughtful reflection on these and other qualities that will help us evaluate this applicant for our program. **Please complete the lower half of the GLW Recommendation Form and write a one-page letter of reference on a separate page.** Please mention in your letter any aspects of this applicant's accomplishments, activities, personality, character, or situation that you consider pertinent to our program. Both the reference form and letter must be **postmarked to ERVK by February 15.**

If you have any questions about the Girls' Leadership Workshop or the reference process, please contact us at (845) 229-5302, email us at ervkglw@ervk.org, or visit our website at www.ervk.org/glw. Thank you very much for your support of this young leader!

With my warmest regards,

Cathy Collins
Cathy Collins, Ph.D.
Executive Director

“We can build the world we want...” *Eleanor Roosevelt*

**The Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill
Girls' Leadership Workshop 2008
Recommendation Form**

Applicants: please print

Applicant's name: _____

Name of Reference: _____

This recommendation is from (please provide one from each if possible):

___ School representative

___ An adult (other than a family member) who can write about your leadership and/or community involvement.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: A letter of recommendation is also required from both references.

References: please print

Please complete the following information and attach a 1-page recommendation letter.

Please make sure that the applicant's full name is included in your letter, use paper clips instead of staples, and limit your letter to one typed page (on letterhead paper if applicable). Second pages will not be read.

This form and the letter of reference may be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal, or may be mailed directly to ERVK. Both the reference form and letter must be **post-marked to ERVK by February 15.**

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Other Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Call (845)229-5302 or email ervkglw@ervk.org with questions.

Mail reference to: **ERVK, GLW Application, P.O. Box 255, Hyde Park, NY 12538**