

**NOMINATION FORM**  
**LEAD!\* 2009 SUMMER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**  
**(August 10-14<sup>th</sup>, at the Center for Arts in Homer)**

*\*A Cortland Family YMCA and Center for Arts Program  
For the Development of Young Leaders*

**CRITERIA**

Students should:

- ❖ *Be freshmen, sophomores or juniors this year*
- ❖ *Demonstrate willingness to lead and to follow*
- ❖ *Be motivated (involved in activities beyond coursework, which might include employment, volunteer work, religious or community activities, as well as clubs and sports)*
- ❖ *Demonstrate creativity and originality*
- ❖ *Be in good academic standing or working to be so*
- ❖ *Be respectful and courteous, with a good record of self control*

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- ❖ Applications will be available in the Guidance and Main offices at Homer and Cortland High Schools as well as the YMCA. Forms are also available electronically at <http://www.cortlandymca.org/> and <http://www.center4art.org/>.
- ❖ Students should seek a brief recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach or advisor to be submitted electronically to [LEAD.YMCA@gmail.com](mailto:LEAD.YMCA@gmail.com)
- ❖ Completed applications should be sent to  
LEAD! Applications  
Cortland Family YMCA  
22 Tompkins Street  
Cortland, NY 13045
- ❖ Applications must be postmarked by March 20th, 2009. Exceptions will only be granted due to illness or other emergency situation.
- ❖ 20 students will be selected by the Peer Advisors to attend LEAD! 2009 Summer Institute.
- ❖ Decision letters will be mailed to students no later than March 30, 2009. Decision information will also be provided to the guidance offices.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** contact [LEAD.YMCA@gmail.com](mailto:LEAD.YMCA@gmail.com)

**NOMINATION FORM:** *(please use a separate page for your answers to questions 1-5)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Hypothetical:** You are on a desert island and you have stumbled into a pit of hot fudge and are sinking. All you have are 3 cherries with stems, a large can of light (lactose free) whipped cream, a *French to English* and a *French to Japanese* dictionary, a silver spork, and four waffle cones. You are lactose intolerant and are surrounded by a copious amount of milk-based desserts. Using the above supplies, you must escape the chocolaty pit of doom, save the Licorice Princess (Noomi) and do all of this before you meet your dairy demise. What will you do? *(No more than 200 words)*
2. What do you think you can do better as a person to become a leader?
3. What have you done to show you are a leader, or to demonstrate your interest in developing those skills (in and out of school activities and experiences)?
4. Describe a hobby, interest or cause that particularly motivates and interests you.
5. Based on the criteria for LEAD!ers, why do you feel qualified for this program?

**Commitment statement:** Participants agree to attend each of the 5 days of the Summer Institute (8/10 through 8/14), and participate as a Peer Advisor in ongoing planning and development meetings throughout fall 2009 and spring, 2010, culminating in facilitation of the LEAD! 2010 Summer Institute. LEAD! understands that there may be emergencies/circumstances that may make it impossible for you to fulfill your responsibilities.

I am committed to the responsibilities of described in the commitment statement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
date

I will support \_\_\_\_\_ (Student's name) in discharging these responsibilities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
date