

Cultivating Community 2011 Youth Grower Reference Form

Applicant:

Please give this form to an adult who knows you well but is not a member of your family, like a teacher, coach, or employer. Explain to this person why you want to participate in Youth Growers. Ask the person to fill out this form and return it to Cultivating Community by **Friday April 15th**.

Reference Writer:

Thank you for taking the time to offer your perspectives on this applicant. Please read the description of Youth Growers below and then respond to the questions about the applicant.

If you have any questions please contact Alida Payson at 207-761-4769 or alida@cultivatingcommunity.org.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Title: _____ Organization/School: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Program Description

Youth Growers is a hands-on, dynamic educational youth development program for youth 14-19 grounded in farming and increasing access to healthy food in our community. As a Youth Grower, youth will:

- Work hard in the fresh air in our organic farms with a diverse group of youth.
- Grow, harvest and deliver fresh, healthy food to people in our community who need it.
- Learn about food, social and environmental justice through hands-on service projects, trainings, field trips, workshops, and games.
- Practice communication, teamwork and job-readiness skills.
- Create a healthier and more resilient community.
- Solve real, unmet community needs while building their skills as a worker, citizen, leader, and steward.

Youth will receive a stipend for your **full participation** in each session.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this person?

2. What do you think are the strengths of this person? What do you think they bring to a group of their peers?

3. What do you think this person will contribute to the Youth Growers program? What challenges do you think they might face?

Thank you for your time and insights.

