



RICHMOND
CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP
INITIATIVE

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Instructions

RCLI '19

Your three-step application for the 2019 Class of the Richmond Christian Leadership Initiative (RCLI) includes securing a *Letter of Recommendation*. As with the other application components, RCLI must receive this *Letter* by Thursday, March 29.

Please review the items below to help you select who is best able to write this *Letter*.

- The ideal writer is a **ministry professional** at your church or at a community/nonprofit activity to which you devote significant time
- Whoever the writer is, he/she should have **directly observed and be able to comment specifically** on your Christian FAITH and LEADERSHIP development
- If you are relatively new to the Richmond area, it is **OK** if your writer is from your previous home/church
- When identifying who to ask to write your Letter, **consider the prompts** on the next page; these were designed to guide the writer in aligning the *Letter* with the expectations of RCLI's volunteer reviewers
- **NOTE:** Unless they serve as ministry professionals in your life, RCLI Board members are **prohibited** from writing this *Letter*. Similarly, RCLI Alumni are not the preferred source of this *Letter*.

To aid your *Letter* writer, please provide him/her with the next page. In addition to the content guidance it provides, it contains deadline and logistical details.

If you (or your *Letter* writer) have any questions, please contact Tim Holtz at Holtz@RCLIweb.org or 804 244-0143.



RICHMOND CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

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Dear Church/Ministry Leader,

The person who provided you this document (“Applicant”) believes you are positioned to provide a *Letter of Recommendation* regarding his/her faith and leadership development. This *Letter* serves as a component of the application for the 2018-2019 Class of the **Richmond Christian Leadership Initiative (RCLI)** and is used in the evaluation of the Applicant’s readiness and candidacy.

RCLI inspires, equips, and then releases emerging Christian leaders, age 25-40, to help the Richmond, VA region better reflect God’s heart. RCLI selects each annual Class from a mix of churches and professions across the region, reflecting the rich diversity and talent of our thriving Christian community. Class members gather one weekend a month for ten months to explore the factors that shape our region and to consider them from a Christ-centered perspective.

For RCLI to fully consider your Applicant in its selection process, we must receive your *Letter* **no later than March 29, 2018**. Your *Letter* can be **mailed** to 2101 Maywill Street, Ste. 239, Richmond, VA 23230, or **emailed** to RCLI@RCLIweb.org (no hand delivery, please).

Best completed, the content of your 1-2 page *Letter* should **answer the following questions descriptively and with supporting examples**:

- How has the Applicant evidenced his/her FAITH in Christ through his/her lifestyle, relationships, daily habits, and activities?
- What unique talents or abilities have you observed in the Applicant that demonstrate his/her LEADERSHIP practices or potential?

Beyond answering the above questions, you are welcome to supply any additional information that would help us to know and appreciate the Applicant.

Thank you for contributing thoughtfully in support of your Applicant!

Gratefully,

Tim Holtz, RCLI '09
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