

2017 THRIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS Recommendation Letter Guidelines

Thank you for agreeing to write a recommendation letter for a youth of color hoping to attend Thrive Youth East or Thrive Youth West Leadership School! Here are some short guidelines to help you write your letter and make sure it gets paired with the correct application.

Thrive Leadership Schools (www.uua.org/thrive) are annual gatherings where UU youth and young adults of color connect to spirit and each other and build skills to lead.

Participants are guided by experienced co-facilitators as we worship, feast, play, explore our racial and ethnic identities, practice transformative leadership skills, and create authentic, supportive community.

To Include

At the top of your letter, please include the following information:

- Youth's name
- Youth's congregation or other UU community (if applicable), including city and state

Please also include as part of your signature:

- Your preferred phone
- Your email

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In your letter, please tell us how you know the applicant and why you think they would be a good fit for Thrive Youth. Share one strength that they bring and one challenge that they might face in participating in this program. Please also include if you have any reservations about their participation in this four-day residential program in a diverse community.

Submit

You can either return the letter to the applicant to include with their application -OR- you can send your letter directly to the UUA by February 15, 2017 in one of the following ways:

By e-mail: yayaofcolor@uua.org

By fax: 617-948-6473

By mail: UUA
ATTN: Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210-1409

We deeply appreciate your support of Unitarian Universalist youth of color!

Thrive Youth 2017 is a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, the Pacific Western Region and Central East Region.

