

**HOLY TRINITY MONASTERY SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM
INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUIRED RECOMMENDATION**

Reverend Father:

A young parishioner wishes to participate in the Holy Trinity Monastery Summer Youth Program. The Summer Youth Program at Holy Trinity Monastery was established to expose our young men to the rich spiritual heritage of the Russian Orthodox Church. Its objectives are to nurture the development of the young men in the areas of spiritual discipline, steadfastness and sobriety through a structured program of participation in the monastic community. To better fulfill this mission we ask that you provide a recommendation for your young parishioner. The recommendation you provide will be kept strictly confidential.

We understand that there are some issues that are of a confessional nature and cannot be disclosed by you.

Please consider the following questions when writing your recommendation.

Does the applicant:

- attend church regularly?
- serve in the altar?
- sing in the choir?
- read on kliros?
- attend/ finished church school?
- generally help out in the community?
- have any type of substance abuse problems (drugs, alcohol)?
- have behavioral problems?
- does he work well with others?
- have any other significant issues?

Please return your recommendation directly to:

Holy Trinity Monastery Summer Youth Program
Attn: Fr. Ephraim Willmarth, Program Coordinator
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Jordanville, NY 13361
OR by email to ejwillmarth@hts.edu