

# **The Center for Progressive Leadership**

## **PENNSYLVANIA POLITICAL LEADERS FELLOWSHIP**

### **RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**



Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for recommending the applicant named above for the Center for Progressive Leadership (CPL) Pennsylvania Political Leaders Fellowship.

This intensive program is designed to train emerging political leaders from across Pennsylvania. We are looking for highly motivated leaders from a variety of backgrounds (nonprofits, business, military, government, etc.) who are dedicated to reshaping politics in their communities, the state, and the nation. Through monthly training workshops, personal coaching from seasoned professionals, and networking within the political community, they will learn how to run for office for the first time, how to effectively manage advocacy or political organizations, and how to lead from their values while remaining connected to their community.

We will use the following criteria to evaluate applicants:

- **Vision.** Applicant articulates a strong personal vision for progressive change.
- **Experience.** Applicant has been significantly engaged as a leader of community and/or political activity and demonstrates tangible results.
- **Drive.** Applicant has a strong interest in running for local or state elected office or taking a non-elected leadership role with a major impact on their community within the next two to five years.
- **Networks.** Applicant has demonstrated the ability to develop strong community and/or political networks. Applicant is well regarded in his or her region by his or her peers.
- **Commitment.** Applicant demonstrates a strong and lasting commitment to public service.
- **Inspiration.** Applicant inspires civic action through his or her vision and deeds.

As someone who has worked with the applicant and seen them “in action,” we greatly value your perspective and insight into their commitment to their community and advancing progressive political values such as creating economic opportunities for all, providing high-quality schooling for our children, protecting civil rights, and ensuring affordable health care for every American. Your candid opinion of the applicant’s character, intelligence, attitude and leadership qualities is appreciated.

As part of your recommendation, please address the following questions on your professional letterhead (if appropriate) and include your email address and daytime telephone number:

1. How long have you know the applicant and in what capacity?
2. What are the applicant’s strongest qualities? Areas for improvement?
3. How well do you think the applicant meets the requirements cited above? Please give specific examples.

Please return your letter to the candidate so they can mail it with their other letters to be received by CPL by August 22.

For more information about the Center for Progressive Leadership and the Pennsylvania Political Leaders Fellowship please visit [www.progressleaders.org](http://www.progressleaders.org)