



Lubbock Independent School District, 1628 19th Street, Lubbock, TX 79401-4895, 806-766-1000

Where the future takes flight

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders (SYWL), the newest magnet school in Lubbock ISD. We look forward to adding a new class of students to our school next year and hope it will include YOU! Next school year, the Talkington SYWL will serve students in grades 6, 7, 8 and 9. Talkington is seeking girls with academic and career goals, girls who want to learn and explore new ideas and girls who want to make a positive difference in our world. Your completed application will help us better understand you as a potential candidate for our school and to determine if our school will best meet your needs. All of the required information must be submitted before we can begin to process and review your application. Space is limited (75 sixth grade students and limited numbers of seventh, eighth and ninth grade positions), so be sure your application is submitted to the counselor's office at your current school or directly (U.S. mail, LISD School Mail or hand delivered) to the Talkington SYWL (415 N. Ivory – Lubbock, TX - 79403) by Wednesday, March 3, 2010.

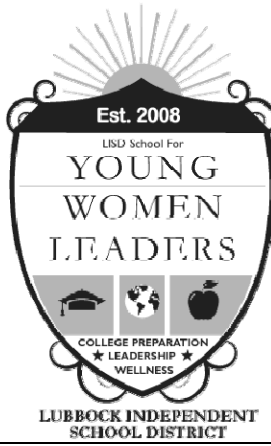
Application Instructions

1. **Application Form:** Please make sure this information is legible and accurate.
Part A: Student Information. Current grade point average (GPA) and spring 2009 TAKS scale scores must be documented from your school administrator or counselor. Fall 2009 semester grades can be taken from your report card or from your school administrator or counselor.
Part B: Parent/guardian information and Signature of Support. Your parent/guardian must sign this form.
Part C: Student Letter of Application. This is a handwritten letter that describes you, your academic interests and why you want to attend the Talkington SYWL. If you have a hero/heroine, you can explain how that person has inspired you. This letter should be no more than 2 pages in length, front sides only. Address your letter to Dr. Kim Perry, Principal.
2. **Teacher Recommendation Forms:** Ask two teachers from your current school to complete the Recommendation Form on your behalf. At least one of the forms must be completed by a current teacher in one of the core subject areas: English/Language Arts, reading, math, science or social studies. The teacher will complete the form, seal it in a business-sized envelope (envelopes provided in packets received from school counselors), sign the seal and return the envelope to you. Include these two envelopes in your application materials.

We look forward to receiving your completed application. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 766-1744. We anticipate notification letters will be sent by Monday, March 22, 2010.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kim Perry, Principal



Part A – Student Information

Student Name (Last)		(First)		(M.I.)		Date of Birth	
Ethnicity: (Circle One) Hispanic African American Asian or Pacific Islander Anglo Other _____							
Current Street Address: Mailing Address:						Apt. Number	
City				State		Zip	
Home Phone Number:			Current School (09-10)			Current Grade (09-10)	
Middle School Attendance Area			High School Attendance Area			Current Fall 2009 GPA (minimum 2.8):	
Fall 2009 Semester Grades		ELA:		Math:		Science:	Social Studies:
Meets minimum score on 2009 spring TAKS (Scale score 2100)		Reading		Administrator/ Counselor Initial		Math	Administrator/ Counselor Initial

Part B - Parent Information

Name of Parents / Legal Guardian:		
Current Street Address:		Apartment. Number:
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Mother/Guardian Home phone number:	Mother/Guardian Work / Daytime Phone Number	Mother/Guardian Email Address:
Father/Guardian Home phone number:	Father/Guardian Work / Daytime Phone Number	Father/Guardian Email Address:

Statement of Support

I agree to support my student if she is accepted into the Margaret Talkington School for Young Women Leaders. I acknowledge that I may be asked to attend an interview with her as part of the acceptance process. I also acknowledge that all application materials are confidential.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Part C – Student Letter of Application

- This is a handwritten letter by you that describes you, your academic interests and why you want to attend the Talkington School for Young Women Leaders. If you have a hero / heroine, explain how that person has inspired you. This letter should be a maximum of 2 pages in length, front side only. Address your letter to Dr. Kim Perry, Principal.

Page 1

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Part C – Continued... Student Letter of Application Continued

Page 2

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Student Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher Recommendation Form-1

The student below is applying for admission to the Talkington School for Young Women Leaders. Your evaluation of this student will be extremely helpful in identifying which students will benefit from and succeed in this program. **Please complete the recommendation form, seal in the provided envelope, sign the envelope's seal and return the envelope to the student so she can include the form in her application materials.**

Student Name: (Last)	(First)	(M.I.)
Name of Teacher:	School:	
Teacher Email:	Grade/Subject:	

	1	2	3	4	5
Motivation	Purposeless	Wavering	Usually Motivated	Effectively motivated	Highly motivated
Industry / Work	1 Seldom works even under pressure	2 Needs constant pressure	3 Needs occasional prompting	4 Prepares assigned work regularly	5 Seeks additional work
Initiative / Ability to Work Independently	1 Unable to work independently, does not initiate	2 Needs much assistance	3 Needs some direction but often initiates	4 Consistently able to work independently	5 Actively creative and independent
Influence / Leadership	1 Negative influence on others	2 Quiet; not a leader	3 Sometimes leads on some issues	4 Consistently leads on important issues	5 Strong, positive and effective leader
Concern for others	1 Indifferent / lack of concern	2 Self-centered	3 Sometimes socially concerned	4 Consistently exhibits concern for others	5 Deeply concerned for others
Responsibility	1 Unreliable	2 Only occasionally dependable	3 Usually dependable	4 Conscientious	5 Assumes much responsibility
Cooperation	1 Does not cooperate with teacher or peers	2 Does not cooperate with peers/ constant quibbling	3 Usually works well with others	4 Consistently works well with others	5 Exceptional skills in group problem-solving
Emotional Stability / Maturity	1 Unemotional/overly emotional; doesn't relate to peers	2 Excitable/difficulty concentrating	3 Usually well-balanced	4 Well-balanced	5 Exceptionally stable
Communication Skills / (Oral and Written)	1 Rambling	2 Lacks clarity	3 Understandable	4 Articulate	5 Persuasive
Academic Potential / Ability in your class	1 Below Average	2 Average	3 Above average	4 Well above average	5 Truly exceptional
Academic Skills	1 Slightly below grade level	2 Average	3 Slightly above grade level	4 Above grade level	5 Far above grade level
Curiosity	1 Inappropriate	2 Low	3 Average	4 Often academically questioning	5 Wants to know why - requests more information
Attendance and punctuality (# absences/tardies)	1 (10+) Many questionable absences/tardies	2 (7-9) Several absences/tardies	3 (4-6) Occasionally absent or late	4 (2-3) Rarely absent or late	5 (0-1) Never absent or late

Comments: _____

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Teacher Recommendation Form-2

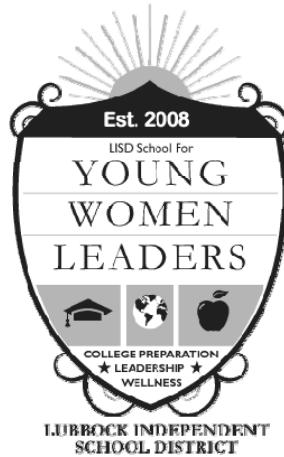
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Use this application checklist to organize your application materials and to assure you have included all necessary information.

Application Form:

- _____ **Part A/Part B (page 2): Student and Parent/Guardian Information and Signature of Support**
- _____ **Part C (page 3-4): Handwritten Letter of Application**
- _____ **Teacher Recommendation Form-1 (page 5): Sealed in envelope w/teacher signature on seal**
- _____ **Teacher Recommendation Form-2 (page 6): Sealed in envelope w/teacher signature on seal**
- _____ **This Application Checklist (page 7)**

Completed applications are due by March 3, 2010 to either location:

- **The counselor's office at your current school**
- **Mailed (U.S. Mail or LUSD School Mail) or hand-delivered to the Talkington School for Young Women Leaders (415 N. Ivory – Lubbock, TX – 79403)**