

## *Growing to Greatness 2010* Submission Guidelines

*Growing to Greatness*, a report of the National Youth Leadership Council, documents the scope, scale, and impact of service-learning and positive youth development. We publish high-quality research, examples of innovative programs and best practices, profiles of service-learning leaders, and thought-provoking looks at emerging trends in the field. Our audience and authors include service-learning researchers, educators, administrators, policy-makers, and organizations. The report is published annually in March.

### Topical interests for *Growing to Greatness 2010*.

**Educator preparation and professional development.** We seek articles on policy, research, and programs related to educator training. Teacher quality is the most important predictor of student achievement and critical to the success of service-learning initiatives. This section will address how service-learning in pre-service and in-service educator training can improve teacher effectiveness (e.g., in designing meaningful instruction, creating a positive class climate, differentiating instruction). Articles should discuss the characteristics of teacher preparation and professional development for high quality service-learning practice.

**Service-learning for all ages, disciplines, and youth settings.** We seek articles on policy, research, and programs related to breaking down barriers within service-learning and between service-learning and other youth engagement strategies. For example, articles can respond to the Corporation for National and Community Service's finding that many principals believe elementary students are too young to serve; discuss the need to develop sound partnerships with higher education, particularly around research; or focus on the need for service-learning to forge stronger links with other initiatives that engage youth in communities, including after-school service programs, youth organizations, and efforts to involve youth as community change agents.

**Manuscript submission process:** Please send us an email query that describes your intended article by May 15, 2009. For accepted proposals, complete manuscripts are due by August 17, 2009. Please supply all necessary permissions, diagrams, tables, or graphs along with your completed article. Photographs that illustrate your article should be of professional quality.

**Article specifications:** Most articles run between 3,000 and 3,500 words. Major research articles, generally commissioned specifically for *Growing to Greatness*, tend to be longer. Our style is based largely on APA style. For information on proper APA sourcing and citation, visit <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>.

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