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To: Supporters of Rogers Scholars Candidates  
From: Lonnie Lawson  
Subject: Recommendation Letter Guidelines

Dear Madam or Sir:

The student who has presented you this letter is asking you to write a letter of recommendation on their behalf as they apply for the *Rogers Scholars Program* through The Center for Rural Development. If selected, the student will be participating in an intensive, weeklong program that takes place at our facility in Somerset, Kentucky during the summer following their sophomore year in high school. A total of 60 students will be selected for the program in 2009, representing communities all across our 42-county service area of Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The program, whose namesake is Congressman Hal Rogers, is very prestigious and it is quite an honor to be selected.

The Rogers Scholars program seeks to build the future leaders of our region, and encourages students to have an increased commitment to rural southeastern Kentucky. **The program has four primary areas of focus: leadership, technology, entrepreneurship, and community service.** Students applying to the program should have a strong interest in these focus areas. In your letter of recommendation, please tell us how you have seen the student demonstrate skills and interest in those four areas of focus and why you think they would be a good representative of your community.

Learning more about The Center for Rural Development and our Rogers Scholars program would certainly be helpful as you write your letter of recommendation. You may do so by visiting our website at [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com) or [www.rogersscholars.com](http://www.rogersscholars.com). Please call us anytime at (606) 677-6000 if you have questions or would like to receive information by mail. Thank you for taking the time to support the student who is striving to be selected for our program.

Sincerely,

Lonnie Lawson  
President & CEO