



## VIA Survey Approval/Agreement Form

Dear Practitioner,

In order to provide you with your request for the VIA Survey or VIA Youth Survey questions and responses, we ask that you confirm your agreement with the following statements:

- I agree to keep the information strictly confidential and will not distribute it unless I'm given written permission from VIA. I will not publish the survey questions.
- I agree to have the responses to the VIA Survey questions or VIA Youth Survey questions entered into the VIA Survey system found at [www.viacharacter.org](http://www.viacharacter.org) and that no other form of scoring will be used.
- I will limit the application and interpretation of results to that which is provided by VIA and otherwise is scientifically based.
- I understand that the VIA Survey and VIA Youth Survey are provided free of charge, thus I will not charge my participants for taking either version of the VIA Inventory of Strengths.
- I agree to share my findings and outcomes with the VIA Institute, ([chrisj@viacharacter.org](mailto:chrisj@viacharacter.org) & [ryan@viacharacter.org](mailto:ryan@viacharacter.org)).
- If using the VIA Youth 103, I understand that while this is the most recent version of the instrument, it remains experimental until additional research is completed.
- I agree to cite the VIA properly, according to the citations noted here:

Citation in text (depending on the version we've sent you):

- “the 240 item VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS VIA Survey)”
- “the 96 item VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS-P, VIA Survey)”.
- “the 120 item VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS, VIA Survey)”.
- “the 72 item VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS, VIA Survey)”
- “the 198 item VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth (VIA Youth Survey)”
- “the 96 item VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth (VIA Youth Survey)”
- “the 103 item VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth (VIA Youth 103 8-12 or 13-17)”

**Use this reference for the VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS-P):**

McGrath, R. E. (February, 2019). Technical Report: The VIA Assessment Suite for Adults: Development and Initial Evaluation Revised Edition, Cincinnati, OH: VIA Institute on Character.

**Use both of these references for the VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS):**

Peterson, C., & Park, N. (2009). Classifying and measuring strengths of character. In S. J. Lopez & C. R. Snyder (Eds.), *Oxford handbook of positive psychology*, 2nd edition (pp. 25-33). New York: Oxford University Press.

Peterson, C., & Seligman, M. E. P. (2004). *Character strengths and virtues: A handbook and classification*. New York: Oxford University Press and Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

**Use both of these references for the VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth (VIA Youth Survey 198 or 96):**

Peterson, C., & Seligman, M. E. P. (2004). *Character strengths and virtues: A handbook and classification*. New York: Oxford University Press and Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Park, N., & Peterson, C. (2006). Moral competence and character strengths among adolescents: The development and validation of the Values in Action Inventory of Strengths for Youth. *Journal of Adolescence*, 29, 891-905.

**Use this references for the VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth (VIA Youth Survey 103 (8-12) or (13-17)):**

A scientific publication is in process. It is not available at this time. If you wish to cite this version, please consider

the following citation: VIA Institute (2021). *VIA assessments*. Available at <https://www.viacharacter.org>.

**Use this reference for the VIA Classification:**

Peterson, C., & Seligman, M. E. P. (2004). *Character strengths and virtues: A handbook and classification*. New York: Oxford University Press and Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

In signing, I understand and will adhere to ALL of the statements above.

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Signature

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Name (printed)

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