



## 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 1 (8-12), I understand that while this is the most recent version of the instrument, it remains experimental until additional research is completed.
- If using the VIA Youth 2 (13-17), 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)”

“the 96 item VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS-M or VIA-IS-P)”

“the 120 item VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS-120)”

“the 72 item VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS-72)”

“the 198 item VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth (VIA-Youth)”

“the 96 item VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth (VIA-Youth-96)”

“the 98 items VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth Revised (VIA-Youth-1 or VIA-Youth-2)”

**Use this reference for the revised VIA Inventory of Strengths (VIA-IS-R, -M or -P):**

McGrath, R. E. (2019). *Technical report: The VIA Assessment Suite for Adults: Development and initial evaluation* (rev. ed.). VIA Institute on Character. put the URL here

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

Peterson, C., & Seligman, M. E. P. (2004). *Character strengths and virtues: A handbook and classification*. Oxford University Press/American Psychological Association. For the 120-item version, in text note this is a shortened version of five items per strength chosen on the basis of corrected item-total correlations. For the 72-item version, in text note this is a shortened version of three items per strength chosen on the basis of corrected item-total correlations.

**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*. Oxford University Press/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(6), 891-909.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adolescence.2006.04.011>

**Use this reference for the VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth Revised (VIA-Youth 1 and VIA Youth 2):**

Jermann, M., & McGrath, R. E. (2022). *Revision of the VIA Inventory of Strengths for Youth: 1. Item development, selection, and initial validation*. Manuscript in preparation.

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

Peterson, C., & Seligman, M. E. P. (2004). *Character strengths and virtues: A handbook and classification*. Oxford University Press/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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Date