

**SEARCH INSTITUTE<sup>SM</sup>**  
**DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS PROFILE**  
**USER QUALIFICATION FORM**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Profile Description and Purpose**

Released in 2004, the *Developmental Assets Profile* (DAP) is based on Search Institute's Developmental Assets<sup>TM</sup> framework, a strength-based approach for promoting the healthy development of children and youth. The framework defines the relationships, opportunities, skills, and values children and adolescents need to thrive.

The DAP is designed to provide a standardized description of an adolescent's Developmental Assets within the context of the four External Asset Categories (Support, Empowerment, Boundaries and Expectations, Constructive Use of Time), the four Internal Asset Categories (Commitment to Learning, Positive Values, Social Competencies, Positive Identity), as well as within five social contexts (Personal Assets, Social Assets, Family Assets, School Assets, and Community Assets).

**DAP Options**

The DAP has two options, one for individual assessment and one for group assessment. The individual assessment option is intended for qualified clinicians, school counselors, mental health practitioners, and clinical social workers. The group assessment option is appropriate for youth programs in schools, juvenile justice, mental health, and family services settings.

Search Institute has established qualification guidelines for users of the DAP to ensure its appropriate use by professionals who are trained and experienced in the use of individual and small group assessment instruments. Qualification requirements differ according to whether the instrument is to be used as a group measure or as an individual assessment tool.

**User Qualifications**

*If you do not have a Statement of User Qualifications on file with Search Institute, please complete the form on the following pages and send it with your first order.*

**Individual Assessment Qualification Requirements**

1. Familiarity with Search Institute's Developmental Assets framework,
2. Master's degree in Psychology, Education or related field, and
3. Certification of licensure in a professional field which requires training and experience in the ethical and competent use of psychological tests.

**Group Assessment Qualification Requirements**

1. Familiarity with Search Institute's Developmental Assets framework,
2. Master's degree or equivalent experience in a related field,
3. Basic understanding of survey administration, data analysis and data interpretation, and
4. The ability to conduct statistical analyses of group differences.

**Qualification Requirements for Use of the DAP for Research Purposes**

1. Familiarity with Search Institute's Developmental Assets framework, and
2. Ph.D. or equivalent degree in psychology, sociology, education, or related field.

### **Qualification Requirements for Use of the DAP for Research Purposes by Students/Trainees**

1. Familiarity with Search Institute's Developmental Assets framework, and
2. Supervision and research oversight by Ph.D. or equivalent level researcher in the area of psychology, sociology, education, or related field. If individual assessment is intended, the supervisor must be qualified as an individual assessment user (see above for requirements).

**SEARCH INSTITUTE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS PROFILE (DAP)  
STATEMENT OF USER QUALIFICATIONS**

*Complete this form and fax or mail to Search Institute along with your order.*

**Please print.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Individual Assessment Users:**

Degree/Field: \_\_\_\_\_ Licensure/Certification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate/license type: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate or Licensing Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Group Assessment Users:**

Degree/Field: \_\_\_\_\_ Licensure/Certification Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate/license type (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate or Licensing Agency (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

By checking this box, I confirm that I have a basic understanding of survey administration, data analysis and data interpretation. I also confirm that I possess the ability to conduct statistical analyses of group differences.

**For Research Users:**

Degree (must be Ph.D. or equivalent): \_\_\_\_\_ In what field is your degree? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your research project in which you will be using the DAP:

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**If you are a student/trainee, please have your supervisor fill out the following:**

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree (see "Qualification Requirements"): \_\_\_\_\_ In what field is your degree? \_\_\_\_\_

*If applicable:*

Licensure/Certification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate/license type: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate or Licensing Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**User Agreement**

I certify that: (1) I am a qualified user of the DAP and associated materials with appropriate knowledge and training as outlined in the DAP User Qualifications; (2) I agree to abide by copyright laws and will not change or reproduce any of the DAP materials; (3) I will score the DAP precisely in accordance to instructions; (4) I will follow professional standards regarding appropriate use, confidentiality, and release of the DAP assessment results; (5) (for individual assessment users), I will avoid labeling individuals solely on the basis of scale scores; and (6) (for group assessment users), I will not use the DAP for individual assessment purposes.

User Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor (if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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