



PASTOR'S REFERENCE FORM

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To the applicant: Please print your name and address on the lines below, and give this reference to a pastor or other spiritual leader in your life, who knows you well (preferably 6 months or longer). If your pastor is also a family member, please give the reference to an associate pastor, youth group leader, or elder.

Name of applicant

_____ Last First Middle Initial

Address

_____ Street Address City State Zip Code

Phone Number () _____ E-mail Address _____

To the person writing this reference:

The above-named individual is applying for participation in Converge, a 4 month internship with an emphasis on prayer and missions. The program consists of extensive time in our Prayer Room, growing in the ministry of prayer, extensive teaching, a practical training work assignment on campus, living in a Christian community in which personal mentoring and discipleship are integrated, and outreach options. In view of the nature of this program, we would greatly appreciate your careful and thoughtful consideration to the following evaluation of the applicant. All references are held in strict confidence and will not be shown to the applicant.

Your Name _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

Your Address _____ Street Address City State Zip Code

Daytime Phone Number () _____ E-mail Address _____

How long have you known the applicant? months years In what capacity?

Please check all of the following reasons that you feel may be motivational in the applicant's desire to attend _____:

- Is a new Christian, desiring discipleship
To escape an unpleasant home situation
Failure in past endeavors/needs a new start
Lack of other options
Wants to learn more about prayer and worship
Hopes to find support in dealing with profound personal/emotional needs
Wants to grow in relationship with God
Seeking the Lord for direction
Desire to serve the Lord in missions/evangelism
Desire to develop giftings
Desire to help others
Desire to please parents/pastor
Unknown

To your knowledge has the applicant had a history of, or is currently experiencing any of the following:

- Substance abuse ___alcohol ___drugs
Criminal conviction/Parole
Debilitative Anxiety
Chronic Depression
Psychiatric Treatment/Counseling
Eating Disorders

Please indicate the approximate dates of any item you marked above: _____

Please comment on any of the above items that you have marked:

Is the applicant financially responsible? ___Yes ___ No If "No" please explain:

Please comment on the applicant's home/family life

Please mark any of the following descriptions that you observe to be true of the applicant.

1. Physical Fitness

- Frequently incapacitated
- Somewhat below average
- Healthy
- Very fit
- Obsessive about fitness and diet

2. Social Skills

- Avoided by others
- Tolerated by others
- Liked by others
- Well-liked by others
- Very popular/sought after by others

3. Intelligence

- Learns and thinks slowly
- Somewhat below average
- Average
- Alert; has a good mind
- Extraordinary; exceptional mental ability

4. Response to Difficulties

- Easily angered/impulsive
- Suffers from frequent bouts of depression
- Defensive/territorial
- Tendency to withdraw
- Easily discouraged
- Responds constructively
- Overcomes with ease and grace

5. Teamwork

- Frequently causes friction
- Great difficulties in working under authority
- Insists on having his/her own way
- Usually cooperative
- Respects the views and ideas of others
- Thrives in team situations

6. Emotional Responsiveness

- Oblivious to the needs of others
- Self-centered/immature
- Inconsistent, but makes an effort to meet other's needs
- Understanding and thoughtful
- Consistently loving toward others

7. Willingness to Serve

- Refuses to serve
- Reluctant to serve
- Willing, but on his/her own terms
- Willing, but sometimes struggles with follow-through
- Eager to serve
- Eager to serve in any capacity/selfless

8. Achievement

- Does not commit to any tasks
- Starts tasks but doesn't finish them
- Undependable/not trustworthy
- Does only what is assigned
- Eager to improve/self-motivated
- Proactive/enthusiastic/creative/motivates others

9. Leadership Potential

- Completely dependent on the leadership of others
- Tries, but lacks ability
- Lacks self-confidence, but has potential
- Natural leader/regularly surfaces in leadership positions
- Driving/commands the submission of others

10. Christian Experience

- Uncertain/not evident
- Superficial
- Overly emotional
- Legalistic
- Genuine, but immature
- Evident and growing
- Mature/solid
- Contagious

If you were working on a project with a team of people for an extended period of time would you elect to include the applicant on your team? Please explain:

What is your overall evaluation of the applicant's suitability for this program?

- I do not recommend the applicant
- I recommend the applicant with reservations
- I recommend the applicant
- I highly recommend the applicant

Please comment:

Is there anything else that you would like us to know as we evaluate the applicant's request for admission?

Your signature: _____ Date: _____