



International Service Learning Application

Confidential Reference Form

Applicant: Please complete the top section and then give this form to your academic reference.

Today's Date: _____ Program to which you are applying: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Program Application Deadline: _____

I hereby _____waive _____do not waive my right of access to this confidential recommendation as provided in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as amended.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of faculty member: _____ Department: _____

REFERENCE: University of Denver International Service Learning programs combine service work with academic study in various countries around the world. Students will interact with people from many cultures, engage in service that benefits the community, and be challenged academically through the pre-departure course, lectures in country, and research-based papers that integrate their service experience with readings, lectures, and group discussions. The learning goals of the programs are for students to: a). Increase their knowledge of the culture, politics, society, and language of the destination country through academic study and personal interactions; b). Integrate academic content with their service experience; c). Examine critical community issues from multiple perspectives; and d). Engage in effective dialogue about local and/or global issues with individuals and groups, thus improving their inter-cultural communication skills. For more information on any of the programs, please visit our website: du.edu/intl/isl.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this reference form on behalf of the applicant. We value your assessment of the above-mentioned applicant for participation in an international service learning program in relation to the characteristics listed. Your candid and thorough comments are an integral part of our evaluation, and we will not review the candidate's application without the benefit of your reference. Please complete the following information, using the back of the form if additional space is needed.

How long have you known this applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

Please rate the applicant on the following:

	Poor		Excellent			
	1	2	3	4	5	
Academic Ability	1	2	3	4	5	No opportunity to observe
Emotional Stability	1	2	3	4	5	No opportunity to observe
Contribution to class or group	1	2	3	4	5	No opportunity to observe
Reliability	1	2	3	4	5	No opportunity to observe
Self-discipline and patience	1	2	3	4	5	No opportunity to observe
Ability to adapt to a new environment	1	2	3	4	5	No opportunity to observe

Does the applicant have any particular strengths that may serve him/her in a cross-cultural experience?

Does the applicant have any particular weaknesses that may challenge him/her in a cross-cultural experience? Is there any information about the applicant that would help the leadership team better support him/her should he/she be accepted to the program?

- Overall, I give this student:
- My Highest Recommendation (in the top 10% of students I know)
 - A Strong Recommendation (in the top 20-50% of students I know)
 - A Moderate Recommendation (please explain your reservations)
 - I do not recommend this student for reason(s) stated on the back of this form.

Check here if you prefer to discuss this reference further.

Signature: _____ Date: _____