

## Confidential Reference Form

**This section must be filled out by the Applicant.**

Applicant's Name (Please Print) : \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Evaluator : \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Reference : \_\_\_\_\_ Academic \_\_\_\_\_ Character

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree \_\_\_\_\_ I do not agree to waive my right of access to this reference.

**This section should be filled out by the Evaluator.**

The student named above is applying for a University of Montana study abroad program. The selection committee would appreciate your candid assessment of any or all of the following characteristics that you may have observed in the applicant. Applications cannot be processed until all references have been returned. We would therefore appreciate you returning this form to the designated address (see address on reverse) *as soon as possible*. Thank you in advance for your time.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Academic performance: Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent

Competence in major or specialization 1 2 3 4 5

Academic interest and motivation 1 2 3 4 5

Capacity for independent study 1 2 3 4 5

Reliability 1 2 3 4 5

Integrity 1 2 3 4 5

3. Personal characteristics: Poor 1 2 3 4 5 Excellent

Ability to adapt to unfamiliar and unstructured circumstances 1 2 3 4 5

Level of maturity 1 2 3 4 5

Emotional stability 1 2 3 4 5

Resourcefulness 1 2 3 4 5

Sensitivity to other cultures 1 2 3 4 5

Open-mindedness 1 2 3 4 5

Ability to relate well to others 1 2 3 4 5

Integrity 1 2 3 4 5

Ability to represent UM abroad 1 2 3 4 5

4. Please state your opinion of the applicant's chances for success (both academic and non-academic) in this international exchange program, weighing both strong and weak points. The student's success in the program will be strongly affected by the student's adjustment to the challenging situation of living in a foreign environment. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please also give us your opinion of the applicant's ability to make this adjustment. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

5. Please check the statement that you feel most accurately reflects your opinion of this student's suitability for the program. In each case, please explain your answer in the space below.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student has my strong recommendation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot recommend this student for the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have minor reservations, but I am willing to recommend the student with the following reservations:

6. Please use this space to make any additional comments that you would like to add regarding this student. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Evaluator's Name & Title (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please *do not* give this form to the applicant, but return it in a sealed envelope to:

International Programs - Study Abroad  
32 Campus Drive  
International Center  
Missoula, MT 58912