



Reference Form

Applicant's Name _____

Reference's Name _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

To the Applicant: Please indicate your preference.

I waive my right to access to this reference form.

I do not waive my right to access to this reference form.

Applicant's Signature _____

To the person completing this form:

The goal of the Good Shepherd Volunteers Program is to serve people who experience the social struggles associated with poverty, addiction, abuse, neglect, homelessness, and joblessness. The volunteers live in community with other GSV members and experience a simple lifestyle. GSV members are expected to make a minimum service commitment of one year. Please help us get to know the applicant by giving candid comments. Feel free to omit any questions that you are not prepared to answer. No applicant will be rejected on the basis of a single reference. Please type or write all responses in black ink. Please return this reference form as soon as possible so that the candidate's application will not be delayed. Thank you for your cooperation.

How long, how well and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please circle the number that best describes the applicant in the following areas.
Please add any additional comments.

1=Superior 2=Good 3=Average 4=Below Average 5=Poor

Characteristics						Comments
Health, Stamina	1	2	3	4	5	
Appearance	1	2	3	4	5	
Self Confidence	1	2	3	4	5	
Sense of Humor	1	2	3	4	5	
Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to get along w/others	1	2	3	4	5	
Emotional Stability	1	2	3	4	5	
Common Sense	1	2	3	4	5	
Dependability	1	2	3	4	5	
Sensitivity to others	1	2	3	4	5	
Tact in dealing w/others	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to Make Decisions	1	2	3	4	5	
Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	
Flexibility	1	2	3	4	5	
Willingness to Accept Criticism	1	2	3	4	5	
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5	
Effective use of time	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to Express Feelings	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to work w/others	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to work alone	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to accept supervision	1	2	3	4	5	
Leadership ability	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to work under pressure	1	2	3	4	5	
Desire to live in intentional community	1	2	3	4	5	
Ability to adapt to new or unstructured situations	1	2	3	4	5	
Focus on spiritual development	1	2	3	4	5	

Give a brief, accurate description of the applicant. Please include strengths as well as weaknesses.

Evaluate the applicant's ability to live and work with others. What qualities help or hinder the applicant?

Please describe how the applicant's family and friends feel about he/she doing a year of service with GSV.

For what type of work is the applicant best suited?

What three adjectives describe the applicant?

Overall, how highly would you recommend the applicant?

_____ low, applicant should be discouraged

_____ average, no strong feelings

_____ good, applicant would do well

_____ exceptional, applicant is a perfect fit for this program

You may use the back page for any additional comments as well.

Signature _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Please return to:

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