



GSV International Reference Form

Reference's Name:

Reference's Email Address:

Relationship to Applicant:

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Email:

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 _____ **Date** _____

To the person completing this form:

The goal of Good Shepherd Volunteers International is to be with the people of the country, who are experiencing the social struggles associated with poverty, neglect, homelessness, and joblessness in a developing country. The volunteers live in community with one another and live simply while sharing their faith. The international volunteers are expected to commit to the program for two years. 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=Poor 2=Below Average 3=Average 4=Good 5=Superior

Characteristics						Comments
Health, stamina	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	
Ability to relinquish control	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, ambiguous or unstructured situations	1	2	3	4	5	
Focus on spiritual development	1	2	3	4	5	

Short Answers

NOTE: You may either write your responses here, or write a separate letter of reference that answers each of these questions, and include the letter in the reference form.

Give a brief, accurate description of the applicant. Please include strengths AND areas of improvement and how they will affect this person's capabilities to serve internationally.

Please share your understanding about what has motivated this applicant to serve internationally.

Evaluate the applicant's ability to live and/or work with others. Can you share any concrete examples? What qualities might help or hinder the applicant?

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

For what type of work is the applicant best suited?

Overall, how highly would you recommend the applicant?

_____ exceptional, applicant is a great fit for this program

_____ good, applicant would do well

_____ average, no strong feelings

_____ low, I am unsure of how applicant would fit with this program

List three adjectives that best describe the applicant.

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Please mail or email to:

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