

# SFS CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

This reference should be completed by someone who knows you well, such as a job supervisor, a volunteer supervisor, athletic coach or academic advisor. Friends and family are not appropriate choices.

**TO THE APPLICANT:** Please complete the top section of this form.

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APPLICANT NAME

PHONE NUMBER

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ADDRESS

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EMAIL ADDRESS

FIRST CHOICE SFS PROGRAM

DATES/SESSION

Under the provisions of the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may waive the right to review your educational records. The act further provides that you may waive your right to see recommendations for admission. Please indicate below, by checking the appropriate phrase, whether or not you waive this right.

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

\*If this is not checked it is assumed that you have waived your right to access.

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SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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## TO THE REFERENCE:

The student listed above has applied to participate in an intensive, environmental field study program offered by The School for Field Studies. Students and faculty work, camp and live together in remote ecosystems, totally immersed in research. Fieldwork, research, academics and inter-personal dynamics all pose rigorous challenges which promote growth and learning. It can, however, be very demanding. It is important that you give us your candid evaluation on the preparedness and suitability of the candidate. Each participant will be enrolled to receive university credit for successful completion of the program.

The applicant need not be a scientist, but must be sufficiently motivated and mature to live and work productively in a field setting. Your response will be extremely helpful in our efforts to provide optimal learning experiences for our students. Your comments will be used to evaluate the student for admission and provide information for the faculty on student abilities.

Please note: we accept students on a rolling basis. No decision can be reached until all of the student's application materials are received. Since the student's application cannot be reviewed until we receive this form, please complete it as soon as possible and return it to the student in a sealed envelope, signed across the back.

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you feel you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What strengths do you think the applicant would bring to this program? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the applicant's weaknesses, and how would you expect these to affect his/her performance on this type of educational experience? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the applicant's current academic performance, as well as his/her potential for success in an SFS academic setting. \_\_\_\_\_

On an SFS program a student is expected to take a proactive role in both community and academic life. Please comment on the applicant's social and personal maturity, sensitivity and ability to cooperate with others.

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Please indicate the applicant's ability to accept rules and structure.

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If the applicant is selected to participate in an SFS program, what impact would you anticipate him/her having on the program?

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If there is any additional information about the applicant that you feel we should know, please make additional comments. *(attach additional sheets if necessary)*

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#### REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME		TITLE / DEPARTMENT	
INSTITUTION / ORGANIZATION		STREET	
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
SIGNATURE	DATE	EMAIL ADDRESS	

Please check here if you are interested in receiving an SFS catalog.

Are you an SFS alumnus/a?  Yes  No

PROGRAM

DATES

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