

REFERENCE FORM

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please fill out the lines below and give this form to each of your references. Your reference should complete this form, seal it in an envelope, sign his or her name across the seal on the outside of the envelope, and return it to you to include with the application you send to AmeriCorps.

Applicant's Name:

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Address:

(IF P.O. BOX, ALSO GIVE NUMBER AND STREET) CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Home Phone:

(AREA CODE)

Work Phone:

(AREA CODE)

INDICATE THE PROGRAM THAT YOU ARE APPLYING TO (check only one):

- AmeriCorps*NCCC
- AmeriCorps*VISTA
- One of the other 600 programs in the AmeriCorps network (be specific):

Program name: _____ Program location: _____
CITY/STATE

TO THE PERSONAL REFERENCE:

AmeriCorps engages more than 40,000 citizens in a year of full-time, results-driven service sponsored by hundreds of local and national nonprofits. In return, AmeriCorps members earn education awards that help pay for college or pay back student loans. AmeriCorps members help communities meet critical challenges in the areas of education, public safety, the environment, and other human needs.

The person named above is applying to be an AmeriCorps member. The applicant has indicated that you would be able to evaluate his or her qualifications and provide us with a candid recommendation. The success of AmeriCorps largely depends upon an appropriate match between programs and members. Considerable value is placed on personal references during the application review and selection process. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Name of Reference:

LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Position/Title:

Organization/Institution:

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KNOWLEDGE OF THE APPLICANT

How long have you known the applicant? Years: _____ Months: _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

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| <input type="radio"/> Job Supervisor/Employer | <input type="radio"/> Clergy |
| <input type="radio"/> Volunteer Supervisor | <input type="radio"/> Coach |
| <input type="radio"/> High School Teacher | <input type="radio"/> College Instructor |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

Please describe the situation in which you know the applicant.

WORK PERFORMANCE

1. Please comment on such qualities as the applicant's level of dependability, initiative, and ability to work with minimal supervision and as a member of a team.

2. In your judgment, how competent is this applicant, as demonstrated by work in the community, in school, on the job, or in a position of responsibility? Please check one.

- Outstanding performance
- Above average performance
- Satisfactory
- Below average performance
- Non-satisfactory performance

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE

3. AmeriCorps members are required to understand other people's viewpoints and problems and to communicate with people from differing backgrounds. Please comment briefly on the applicant's relationships with others.

4. AmeriCorps members must serve with other participants and with people of varied cultural, economic, education, racial, and religious backgrounds. How would you rate the applicant's working relationships with other people? Please check one.

- Works well with others; can lead or follow as the occasion demands.
- Usually works well with others; can lead or follow in most situations.
- Has average working relationships with others.
- Has difficulty working with others.
- Does not work well with others.

EMOTIONAL MATURITY

5. Please comment on the the applicant's ability to adapt and work under difficult and changing conditions.

6. AmeriCorps members often serve in conditions of hardship and inconvenience. They must be able to deal with new and changing living conditions, limited financial resources, and considerable amounts of stress. With these considerations in mind, how would you rate the applicant? Please check one.

- Highly effective even in adverse situations and changing conditions.
- Able to adapt to adverse situations and changing conditions.
- About average in adapting to adverse situations and changing conditions.
- May not be able to stand up well in adverse situations and changing conditions.
- Completely unable to handle adverse situations or adapt to changing conditions.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

7. If you wish, use additional paper to explain any of your ratings, and anything else about this applicant that you feel is relevant to serving in AmeriCorps—such as the applicant’s desire to serve others, maturity, work ethic, flexibility, and dependability. Explain any reservations that you have regarding the applicant’s participation in the AmeriCorps program to which he or she has applied.

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION

8. What is your overall recommendation?

- I recommend the applicant without reservation as an excellent candidate for AmeriCorps service.
- I recommend the applicant as a good candidate for AmeriCorps service.
- I have some reservations, but I believe the applicant has a reasonable chance of success.
- I have some substantial doubts about the applicant.
- I do not recommend this applicant for AmeriCorps service.

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

- I AUTHORIZE the program and/or the Corporation for National Service to identify me as the source of this reference and to release a copy of this reference in its entirety upon request to the applicant.
- I DO NOT authorize the program and/or the Corporation for National Service to identify me as the source of this reference, nor do I authorize the release of a copy of this reference in its entirety to the applicant.

Your Signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM, IN AN ENVELOPE SIGNED ACROSS THE SEAL, DIRECTLY TO THE APPLICANT.