



PASTOR'S REFERENCE FORM

for applicants to the **Operation Barnabas 2011** program

Strictly Confidential

Please complete and mail immediately - References should be mailed by November 12 to insure that they will arrive for the November 17, 2010 deadline. After November 12th, please fax this form to **574.269.7185** and then mail.

_____ has applied for acceptance into the Operation Barnabas program. Your frank evaluation of the personality and character of this applicant will aid us greatly in the selection of the best possible representatives for this program. Information contained herein will be kept confidential. If further space is needed for comments, feel free to attach an additional sheet of paper.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. How well do you know the applicant? Please circle response on a scale of 1--10 with 10 being highest.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
3. What are the applicant's strong points? (consider character and spiritual life, if known)

4. What are some areas in which the applicant could improve? _____

5. Is the applicant willing to accept direction? _____

6. Is the applicant teachable? _____ Please explain your answer: _____

7. How would you describe this student's potential to lead his/her peers?
Please circle response on a scale of 1--10 with 10 being highest.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
8. In what ways has this student initiated leadership? _____

9. On a scale of one to ten, with one being socially awkward, little relational skills and ten being easy conversationalist, very approachable, engaging, initiates socially, how would you rate the applicant in their relationships with their peers?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
10. Using the above criteria, how well does this student relate to adults?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11. How well does the student minister/relate with children?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
12. Does the applicant have any physical challenges which could hinder his/her service? _____
If so, please specify. _____

13. How well do you know the applicant's parents?
 Please circle response on a scale of 1--10 with 10 being highest.
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

14. To the best of your knowledge, please describe the relationship between the applicant and the applicant's father: _____
 How active is the applicant's father in your church?
 Does not attend Inconsistent attender Attends fairly often
 Attends regularly Participates in church activities Involved in church leadership

15. To the best of your knowledge, please describe the relationship between the applicant and the applicant's mother: _____
 How active is the applicant's mother in your church?
 Does not attend Inconsistent attender Attends fairly often
 Attends regularly Participates in church activities Involved in church leadership

16. Are you aware of any family &/or personal information regarding the applicant of which the OB Director and an OB team's senior leader should be aware before this student ministers with an OB team?
 No Yes I will call you so I can give information directly.

17. Do you know of any problem with school or church relationships? _____ If so, please specify.

18. Specify any habits of improper behavior with the opposite sex. _____

19. Please mark an X in the appropriate space that is the closest to a just evaluation of this person.

Qualities	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Inferior	No Chance to Observe
Cooperation						
Leadership						
Appearance (dress, cleanliness, etc.)						
Honesty						
Reliability						
Initiative						
Respect for authority						
Consistency of temperament						
Teamwork						
Musical ability						
Dedication						
Consistency of Christian Life						

20. This applicant must raise his/her own support. Please specify any problems which would hinder his/her doing this. _____

21. Which attitude would best describe the applicant?

optimistic (positive) passive (unresponsive) pessimistic (negative)

22. Please complete this section based on the applicant's spiritual life.

a. Has the applicant received Christ as Savior? Please share any details you know about the applicant's salvation testimony. _____

b. Do you feel the applicant would present a positive testimony? _____

c. How would you describe the applicant's spiritual maturity (as related to a typical teen in the youth group)?

d. Does the applicant have any habits of conduct that would hinder their Christian testimony?

yes no

If so, please specify. _____

e. In what type of church-related ministry has the applicant participated? _____

f. Indicate whether the applicant is regular in attendance at the following church functions:

Sunday School Sunday AM Sunday PM (if applicable) Youth Group

SIGNATURE _____

Print name _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____

Email Address _____

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the importance we place on references and the pastor's and church's endorsement of this individual for ministry, we cannot make a decision on this student's application until all reference forms have been returned. Since Operation Barnabas applications have a deadline of November 17, 2010, please complete and mail this form by November 12. If after November 12, please fax and then mail original copy.

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