RECOMMENDER: The applicant named above is applying for a program offered by the Learning Abroad Center at the University of Minnesota. Students are selected for this program based on academic ability as well as maturity. It is important to the applicant and to the University that only those students who are likely to succeed in and benefit from this program be selected. Your candid opinion regarding the applicant’s qualifications is appreciated. The student’s application cannot be processed until references are returned. We appreciate receiving your response as quickly as possible. Return this form directly to the address on page 2.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Please indicate:
   - [ ] I recommend without reservation.
   - [ ] I recommend with reservation. If so, please elaborate by answering #5.
   - [ ] I do not recommend this student. If so, please elaborate by answering #5.

3. If a foreign language is required for program participation and you have knowledge of the applicant’s ability, indicate the applicant’s present language ability in each category.

4. Please indicate the applicant’s ability in comparison with other individuals you have known at similar stages in their academic careers.

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**Level** | **Listening** | **Reading** | **Speaking** | **Writing** | **Unknown**
---|---|---|---|---|---
None | | | | | |
Very basic skill and ability | | | | | |
Simple sentences and structures | | | | | |
Utilizes/understands more complex structures | | | | | |
Utilizes/understands complex structures with accuracy | | | | | |
Native ability | | | | | |

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**Category** | **Excellent** | **High** | **Average** | **Low** | **Unknown**
---|---|---|---|---|---
Academic ability compare with others in your course | | | | | |
Self-discipline and motivation | | | | | |
Ability to work independently | | | | | |
Ability to express thoughts in speech and writing | | | | | |
Emotional stability and maturity | | | | | |
Ability to work cooperatively with others | | | | | |
Flexibility, ability to adapt | | | | | |
Number 5 is required for all Scholarship Exchange, and Bilateral Exchange, and University Study in Norway applicants. It is OPTIONAL for all other applicants.

5. Please comment specifically on the applicant in terms of the following: a) academic suitability; b) personal suitability; c) weaknesses; d) any other factors relevant to the applicant’s ability to participate successfully in a study abroad program.

Print clearly or type.

Signature of Recommender

First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Position/Title ___________________________ Institution ___________________________

Department or Unit ___________________________

Telephone ___________________________ Email Address ___________________________

Please return this form directly to the Learning Abroad Center or to the student in a sealed envelope. Thank you.