

# ECOQUEST

## Academic Reference Form

**Return completed application materials to:**  
UNH-EcoQuest Study Abroad Program  
Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, James Hall  
University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824  
**Phone:** (603) 862-2036, **FAX:** (603)-862-4976

### REFERENCE FORM DUE DATES

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**Please complete as soon as possible, as applications will be evaluated as soon as they are received. We cannot guarantee to admit students whose applications are submitted after the deadlines indicated below.**

Applying for:

- February 2 – May 13, 2011: **Postmark application by October 15, 2010**
- May 30 – July 1, 2011: **Postmark application by April 1, 2011**
- August 31 – December 9, 2011: **Postmark application by April 1, 2011**

### TO THE APPLICANT

Please give this form to a professor/teacher who is familiar with your performance in an academic setting, and ask that they complete and return the form by the appropriate deadline.

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Privacy Rights and Policy Act of 1974, you may have 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 circling the appropriate phrase, whether or not you waive this right.

I **waive** / **do not waive** my right to access this recommendation form. (circle choice)

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### TO THE REFEREE

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The above-named student is applying for a residential field study program at EcoQuest Field Studies Centre in New Zealand. Participants will spend a term studying ecology, conservation, resource management, and environmental policy in an intensive, hands-on program that is both academically and physically rigorous. Because of the unique demands of this educational approach, the admissions committee must take extra care to select applicants who will respond positively to such a learning environment. We expect that the students who will most benefit from our program are those who exhibit exceptional intellectual curiosity, motivation, adaptability, maturity, and an ability to work well with others.

With this in mind, please comment on the applicant's suitability for participation in this program. You may use either a separate sheet of paper or the reverse side of this form. Please submit this completed form and any attached sheets to the UNH-EcoQuest program at the address listed above.

As the success of the program, and the applicant's learning experience, depends largely on the effectiveness of the admissions process, we ask that you are both candid and thorough in your assessment. Thank you for your assistance.

Referee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_