

ECOQUEST

Personal 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

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 someone, other than a peer or family member/acquaintance, who knows you well, 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

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: _____