

Immersion Service Learning applicants must provide 2 references (who cannot be related to the applicant and one must be from the St. Francis Xavier University community). Referees complete this form in lieu of a letter or other communication. **Referee forms must be forwarded to the Service Learning Office, Room 414 Immaculata, by 4:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2007** - the deadline for student applications. Applicants are screened and candidates are interviewed before being accepted into this program. The Immersion Service Learning program retains the right to accept or not accept student participants. Please be advised that, under confidentiality laws and upon request, students can gain access to this completed form.

REFEREE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Occupation: _____
Employer: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Immersion Service Learning involves groups of students traveling to locations where they learn about community development and social justice issues from the perspective of that location. For many students this is an intense cross-cultural learning experience as most of the trips are to sites abroad. Please answer the following questions about the student you are referring.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____

1. How long have you known the student and in what way do you know the student?
2. What do you know of the student's interest in participating in an Immersion Service Learning experience?
3. How does Immersion Service Learning relate to the student's course of study or career interests?
4. Please comment on the student's capacity to integrate what he/she is learning during a service learning experience into community and self.
5. Describe how this student interacts with a group of his/her peers. How do you think this student will fit in with his/her immersion service learning group?

6. How do you think the student will share the learning gained from his/her immersion service learning experience?

7. How do you think participating in an immersion service learning experience will benefit the applicant?

8. Provide an example where this student has demonstrated maturity and leadership.

9. How does this student compare to other young people you have known? Rate in terms of his or her:

	<u>Below Average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Above Average</u>	<u>Unable to Comment</u>
a) Interest in learning new ideas	_____	_____	_____	_____
b) Concern for social justice issues	_____	_____	_____	_____
c) Oral and written communication	_____	_____	_____	_____
d) Involvement in community	_____	_____	_____	_____
e) Willingness to be flexible	_____	_____	_____	_____
f) Attitude towards academic work	_____	_____	_____	_____
g) Future career planning	_____	_____	_____	_____

10. Would you recommend the applicant for Immersion Service Learning? Why or why not?

11. Other information you would like to add to describe this candidate:

12. Would you like us to call you about this student? Yes___ No ___

Referee's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT ON OR BEFORE 4:00 P.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2007 TO:

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Should you have any questions in this regard please contact Iris at (902) 867-2583.