

**Perkins Youth School of Theology
Mentor Reference Form**

Applicant's Name _____

You are serving as a reference for someone who would like to serve as a mentor to a high school youth. Please help us determine whether this person is suited for this type of work with youth. Answer each question based on your relationship and knowledge of the individual in various settings. Do not leave any question blank. Please list your name and contact information in case we have further questions concerning your recommendation. Your responses are confidential and will only be used for the purposes of this screening process.

Name _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Please print or type.

1. How long and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?

2. Describe the applicant's involvement in his/her church and community, interest in religious issues and the maturity of his/her spiritual development.

3. Please comment on the applicant's ability to work with diverse groups and as part of a team.

4. Describe the applicant's usual way of relating to others (youth and adults), reaction to stress and typical means of resolving conflict.

5. What information can you give about the applicant's home relationships and family background that bears upon her/his suitability to serve as a mentor?

6. To the best of your knowledge are you aware of anything from the applicant's past that would disqualify him/her from working with teenagers? (i.e. allegations of physical or sexual abuse; inappropriate behavior patterns, criminal convictions etc.) Please be specific.

7. Please comment briefly on the applicant's (attach additional sheet if needed)

Character:

Dependability:

Emotional stability:

Completes commitments:

Acceptance of others:

Awareness regarding social issues:

8. If you were in our position, would you consider this person as a mentor to youth under pressure? How would you evaluate this applicant's potential to contribute to and benefit from this program?

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