



TEACHER/MENTOR RECOMMENDATION FORM 2011-2012

TO THE STUDENT: Please complete the information below prior to giving this form to a teacher or other mentor. Two recommendations are required for application to DPCA. One should be from a teacher in one of your academic subjects, and the other from a mentor in your life (other than your parents) such as a coach, employer, pastor, etc.

Applicant's Name _____

Applying for

- 9th grade
- 10th grade
- 11th grade (Have you checked into the unique Ekklesia Mountain High junior year experience? See www.emhweb.org. If you are interested in that program, please use the EMH recommendation form.)
- 12th grade

TO THE TEACHER/MENTOR: Darren Patterson Christian Academy combines rigorous academic work, residential life, and Christian world view and character training in a school environment that also features periodic outdoor adventure and leadership development. We are seeking students who highly value their Christian faith, and are motivated, energetic, and ready to “think outside” the boundaries of their normal lives and experiences. They will be asked to study diligently, try new things, and cooperate fully in community life. They must be capable of attending to their academic work both in the classroom and in experiential settings. To help us build a team of students who will thrive in the DPCA boarding environment, your candid evaluation of this applicant is much appreciated.

Please respond to the following questions, or if you prefer, please attach a letter of recommendation addressing these same topics:

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what kind of relationship?
2. What are this student's greatest strengths?
3. In what areas do you see need for improvement?
4. Outdoor adventure such as rock climbing or skiing involves challenges related to physical strength, emotional stability and toughness, weather, and interpersonal dynamics. Given what you know about this applicant, how do you think he or she will manage these challenges?

5. DPCA is an explicitly Christian academy, designed to help students develop their faith, biblical knowledge and application, and empathy for and ability to connect with and serve others. Comment on whether the applicant is a good fit for that kind of environment:

6. In group settings, does this student tend to lead or follow?

7. Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

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| a. Initiative and work ethic | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> poor | <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> excellent |
| b. Academic abilities | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> poor | <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> excellent |
| c. Leadership abilities | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> poor | <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> excellent |
| d. Sense of humor | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> poor | <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> excellent |
| e. Consideration of others | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> poor | <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> excellent |
| f. Integrity | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> poor | <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> excellent |
| g. Responsibility | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> poor | <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> excellent |
| h. Patience | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> poor | <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> excellent |
| h. Moral character | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | <input type="checkbox"/> poor | <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> excellent |

Overall, what is your recommendation concerning this student?

- Do not recommend
- Recommend with some reservations
- Recommend with enthusiasm
- Other _____

Are there any other comments you would like to add?

Name (Please print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

May we contact you for more information, if needed? Yes No

If yes, contact information:

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Please return this form in a sealed envelope directly to the student. If you prefer to mail it yourself, you may send it as follows:

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