

pastoral reference

SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Please write your name below and give this form to your senior pastor or youth pastor/leader. This is a confidential reference. Your pastor should mail this form himself/herself once completed.

Thank you for helping us in discerning God's will for this applicant to South Carolina School of Leadership. The information you provide will be strictly confidential. We are looking for an accurate assessment of the character and the spiritual life of the applicant. We are not looking for perfection. Your honesty will not necessarily prevent a student from being accepted. **After completing this form, please mail or fax it to: SCSL Admissions, 2700 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC, 29210; fax: (803) 798-0244.**

Applicant Name:

background information

Please describe your relationship to this applicant:

How long have you known this applicant?

How long has he/she attended your church?

How well do you know the applicant?

- Very close, frequent contact* *Fairly well, regular contact* *Casually, little contact* *By name, slightly*

In your association with the applicant, what level of spiritual commitment have you seen exemplified?

- Faithful* *Inconsistent* *Other*

emotional maturity

How would you describe the applicant's emotional maturity? (please check only one)

- Extremely mature; has proven ability to operate under stress and pressure*
 Above average in maturity and emotional stability
 Possesses average emotional stability and maturity
 Below average, experience has shown that the applicant might not be able to endure stress
 Applicant has frequently demonstrated signs of inability to cope with stress (such as rage or withdrawal, erratic attitude or action, or in other ways)

Please describe how the student usually reacts in a situation where they are being corrected or confronted:

- Withdraws* *Discouraged* *Angry* *Accepts patiently* *Constructively* *Other (explain below)*

Do you have any reason to believe the applicant would be dishonest, divisive, blatantly disobedient or of questionable character?

Would you have any concern with this person working with children or youth? *No* *Yes (explain below)*

ministry potential

In your opinion, which of the following areas of ministry does the applicant seem gifted? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Communication</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cooking Skills</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Worship</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Administration</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Drama/Human Video</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Homeless Outreach</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Secretarial</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sr. High</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Hospitality/Greeting</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Discipleship</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jr. High</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Music</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Evangelism</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Elderly</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Art</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Counseling</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Video</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Medical Care</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Prayer</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sound</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Carpentry</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Children</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Visitor Follow-up</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Computer Skills</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Public Speaking</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Encourager</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Laboring</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Intercessory Prayer</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>College/Career</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Plumbing</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Photography</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Languages</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Electrical</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Altar Worker</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Teaching</i> | |

personal insights

Please select one characteristic per section that best describes the applicant:

Physical Condition

- Frequently incapacitated*
- Below average*
- Fairly healthy*
- Good health*
- Rugged & vigorous*

Willingness to Serve

- Reluctant to serve*
- Motives confused*
- Usually willing to serve*
- Eager to serve as needed*

Relationships

- Avoided by others*
- Tolerated by others*
- Liked by others*
- Well-liked*

Intelligence

- Learns & thinks slowly*
- Average mental ability*
- Alert, has a good mind*
- Brilliant, exceptional*

Leadership Ability

- Makes no effort to lead*
- Tries but lacks ability*
- Has some leadership ability*
- Is a capable leader*
- Unusual ability to lead/inspire*

Christian Experience

- Relatively superficial*
- Over-emotional*
- Genuine and growing*
- Warmly contagious*

Teamwork

- Frequently causes friction*
- Insists on having own way*
- Usually cooperative*
- Works well with others*

Responsiveness to Others

- Not often sensitive to others*
- Reasonably responsive*
- Understanding & thoughtful*
- Usually sensitive to others*

Achievement

- Does only what is assigned*
- Tends to lack follow-through*
- Meets average expectations*
- Takes initiative*

Please circle the phrases that you feel best describe the applicant. Choose only a few that stand out to you:

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| <i>Anxious</i> | <i>Easily Discouraged</i> | <i>Moody</i> | <i>Servant-hearted</i> |
| <i>Committed</i> | <i>Easily Offended</i> | <i>Motivated</i> | <i>Stable</i> |
| <i>Critical</i> | <i>Enthusiastic</i> | <i>Patient</i> | <i>Teachable</i> |
| <i>Dependable</i> | <i>Fearful</i> | <i>Peaceful</i> | <i>Tolerant</i> |
| <i>Disciplined</i> | <i>Flexible</i> | <i>Perfectionist</i> | <i>Understanding</i> |
| <i>Domineering</i> | <i>Humorous</i> | <i>Prejudiced</i> | <i>Wise</i> |

about you

Your Name Position

Name of Church

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone - - Email

reference

Do you recommend that the applicant be accepted to South Carolina School of Leadership?

- Yes, without reservation* *Yes, with reservations* *No*

Please indicate any reservations or your reason for declining to recommend the applicant:

Please use the space below to offer any other comments, if any, about the applicant that you wish to share. If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact us at **803-798-4488** or **info@scsl.com**.

Your Signature

Date