



# Volunteer reference form

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References will only be read by relevant staff in the Christian Aid team responsible for the gap year scheme, and UK regional staff in area offices offering placements. If you feel there are issues we should be aware of, but do not wish to include on this form, please either send a letter marked 'Private and Confidential' with this reference or contact Penny Haynes at [phaynes@christian-aid.org](mailto:phaynes@christian-aid.org) or on (0)1202 840764.

Finally, we need a clear understanding of the applicant. Please complete this form as honestly as possible – there are no 'right' answers.

**Applicant's name** .....

**What is your relationship to the applicant?** .....

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**How long have you known him/her, and how well?** .....

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**Have you discussed the application with him/her?** .....

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**What do you understand to be his/her reasons for wanting to volunteer?** .....

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**How do you think she/he will benefit from volunteering?**

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**What do you see as the main difficulties for him/her in volunteering?**

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**In what ways do you think she/he will need support in coping with the stresses involved in the work placement, or moving away from home (if relevant)?**

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**Please outline the applicant's strengths, in areas such as personality, temperament, skills and talents:**

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**Similarly, please outline his/her weaknesses, or problem areas:**

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**Much of the GAP year will involve working in church settings. Do you feel she/he will be able to confidently deal with this aspect of the role?**

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Is there anything else you can tell us that will help us in placing the applicant?

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Thank you very much for your time in completing this form.

If we need to, are you happy for us to contact you to discuss any of your comments? Yes  No

Name .....

Tel/email .....

Signed .....

Please return to the applicant or to:

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Wimborne  
Dorset  
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