



TEACHER/MENTOR RECOMMENDATION FORM

2015–2016

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 EMH. 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

- Fall Semester 2015: August 21 – December 18, includes two extended wilderness trips. **Applications due May 1, 2015**
- Full Year 2015-2016: August 21 – May 21*, includes all four extended wilderness trips, option for international missions trip. **Applications due May 1, 2015**

*International missions trip extends semester end date to June 2, 2016

TO THE TEACHER/MENTOR: Ekklesia Mountain High is a unique, junior-year educational experience combining wilderness training and adventure, rigorous academic work, and Christian world view and character training. 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 work hard, try new things, and cooperate fully in community life. They do not need previous wilderness adventure experience, but they do need to be able to carry all of their equipment in backpacks, live outdoors for many days at a time, and experience a wide range of weather conditions. 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 EMH 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. Wilderness expeditions involve 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. EMH is an explicitly Christian program, designed to help students develop their faith, biblical knowledge and application, and empathy for and ability to connect with 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:

Ekklesia Mountain High Admissions
Regarding (Name of Applicant)
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Buena Vista, CO 81211

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Ekklesia Mountain High at Darren Patterson Christian Academy believes in the value of all human life, and admits students without regard to race, color, national or ethnic origin. EMH at DPCA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of any of its student policies or educational programs.

Applications for full year and fall semester due May 1, 2015.

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