



Admissions Reference Form

To the student requesting the reference:

Two references are required by the Office of Admissions. Your references should be from people who are not related to you. One reference should be an **academic recommendation** and the other a **character recommendation**.

Name of student (please print) _____ Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____

In accordance with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, I hereby waive my rights to review this personal reference.

Date _____ Signature _____

Please provide a stamped envelope addressed to the ACU Office of Admissions (see address on reverse side) and specify a deadline for your reference to return this form to ACU.

To the individual completing this reference:

Unless the student has signed the waiver, they have the right to review your reference. The goal of this reference is to evaluate the applicant's potential to excel and contribute to the campus environment. Please return your completed form directly to ACU. Thank you for your assistance.

How long have you known the student? _____

Your relationship to this student is: Teacher Christian leader Other _____

Signature _____ Print name _____

Title _____ Date _____

Address _____

CHARACTERISTICS	Superior (highest 5%)	Excellent (next 15%)	Above Average (next 20%)	Average (middle 25%)	Below Average (lowest 35%)	No Basis for Judgment
Overall intellectual and analytical ability						
Independence and originality of thought						
Quality of verbal communication						
Quality of written communication						
Maturity and judgment						
Christian conviction						
Initiative and motivation						
Attitude and cooperative spirit						
Leadership skills						
Personality, interpersonal skills						

REFERENCE CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE!

Please provide a narrative of your overall evaluation of this student:

Please return this form to: Abilene Christian University, Admissions Office, ACU Box 29000, Abilene, TX 79699-9000
Admission decisions cannot be made without this reference. Please return promptly. Thank you.

Others you recommend as prospective ACU students:

Name _____	Grade or age _____	Phone _____
Address _____	City _____	State _____ ZIP _____
Name _____	Grade or age _____	Phone _____
Address _____	City _____	State _____ ZIP _____
Name _____	Grade or age _____	Phone _____
Address _____	City _____	State _____ ZIP _____

ACU PROFILE

- **The university:** A selective four-year private Christian university. ACU includes the colleges of Business administration, Biblical Studies, and Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School, the Graduate School of Theology, and the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing. It is affiliated with the Churches of Christ and is one of the largest private universities in the Southwest.
- **Academic programs*:** Students may choose from 60 baccalaureate majors that include more than 100 areas of study, 27 master's degree programs and one doctoral program.
- **Accreditation:** Abilene Christian University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4501) to award associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees.
- **Students:** About 4,700 students, including approximately 4,150 undergraduates and 550 graduate students, generally from all 50 states and about 60 other countries.
- **Location:** ACU is in Abilene, Texas, an All-America City of 111,000 people 150 miles west of the Dallas and Fort Worth area.
- **Faculty:** More than 200 full-time faculty members with 90 percent of tenure-track faculty holding terminal degrees. A student-to-faculty ratio of less than 17:1.
- **Financial aid:** Ninety percent of ACU freshmen receive financial aid. Last year, the average amount of financial aid for freshmen (a combination of scholarships, grants,

work-study and loans) was \$12,960. The average package of grants and scholarships was \$7,366.

- **Annual cost:** \$21,600* for tuition, fees, room and board, plus approximately \$800 for textbooks and supplies.
- **Health professional school acceptance rate:** More than 80 percent of ACU students who apply for admission to medical and dental schools are accepted, a rate more than double the national average.
- **Foreign study:** ACU's Study Abroad programs take students to study in places such as Europe, Asia and Latin America.
- **Campus technology:** Each residence hall has a lab with Windows-based PC computers, and several major buildings have wireless Internet capability. Each ACU student has an email address and access to the Internet and campus servers.
- **Campus organizations:** There are more than 90 campus clubs and groups in which students can become involved, including seven men's social clubs and six women's social clubs.
- **Intramurals:** About 3,000 students participate each year in 22 intramural sports and other activities. Students also can be involved in the roller hockey, men's and women's soccer, and bike clubs.
- **Athletics:** NCAA Division II, Lone Star Conference. Football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, men's golf, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's track and field, women's volleyball, men's and women's tennis, and women's softball. ACU is an annual contender for the United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup, recognizing the best all-around sports program in NCAA Division II.

**For 2005-06 school year.*