



# SSJ Mission Corps

"One Year to Change a Life"

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## SPIRITUAL REFERENCE FORM

(Please type or print clearly)

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

To the Applicant: Please check one of the following statements:

\_\_\_\_\_ I waive my right of access to this reference form.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do NOT waive my right of access to this reference form.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Reference:** The applicant named above is requesting to be a volunteer with the SSJ Mission Corps and you have been selected as a reference. Because of the community aspect of our program, it is very important that we receive an honest evaluation of the applicant's personality, capabilities, strengths, and weaknesses. No applicant will be judged on the basis of a single reference. Please feel free to omit any questions you do not feel qualified to answer. Thank you for your honest comments.

Please return this reference in a sealed envelope with your name signed across the sealed flap. Also, please keep a copy of this completed form for your records in case this reference is lost in the mail.

**Priority deadline for Application is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.**

Send to: **Colleen O'Grady**  
**SSJ Mission Corps Program**  
**9701 Germantown Ave.**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19118**

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

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### Mission Statement

The SSJ Mission Corps is sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia who desire to partner with young women in furthering our mission of active inclusive love. The SSJ Mission Corps invites participants to live within a radical, simple, intentional community, work with those who are

materially poor, participate actively in a church community, and deepen their understanding of and participation in the mission, charism, and spirituality of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

### **Purpose**

This volunteer experience provides a unique opportunity for young adult women to engage in their faith and in the world. They live in community while focusing on social justice, spirituality, and simple living. Qualities needed in the applicant are: willingness and ability to work with and relate to others, openness to deepening their prayer life, a sense of humor, flexibility, and good physical and emotional health.

Using the above information as a context, please respond to the following as specifically as possible:

1. What are the applicant's strengths?
2. What are the applicant's weaknesses?
3. Describe the applicant's level of faith. How integrated is the applicant's faith with her life?
4. Is the applicant an active member of a faith community? Explain
5. Can you assess the applicant's prayer life? Is the applicant open to praying with others? Can you give examples of the applicant in group prayer, 1-on-1, and/or personal prayer situations?
6. Are you aware of any psychological or physical reason that would indicate that this person might not be suited for this program? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain.

Please complete the following section by circling the response that best reflects your judgment of the applicant in that area. Jot any comments you feel necessary for clarity.

1 = always, 2 = almost always, 3 = sometimes, 4 = seldom, 5 = never, NA = not able to judge

<b>The Applicant...</b>							<b>Comments</b>
Handles responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Relates to a variety of people	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Works well independently	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Works well in groups	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Adjusts to new situations	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is mature	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is creative	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Takes initiative	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is effective in stressful situations	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Demonstrates leadership qualities	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is tolerant of others	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is approachable	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is honest and trustworthy	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is loyal, reliable, and dependable	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Communicates well	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Understands other people's views	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is fair and consistent	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is emotionally stable	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is assertive	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is confident	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Has a sense of humor	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Integrates faith in her own life	1	2	3	4	5	NA	
Is in good physical condition	1	2	3	4	5	NA	

Can you give 3 adjectives that best describe the applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_

25. Overall, how would you rate this applicant?

\_\_\_ exceptional, a rare find

\_\_\_ very good, no reservations at all

\_\_\_ good, better than many

\_\_\_ recommended, no strong feelings

\_\_\_ OK, with some reservations

\_\_\_ very weak, should be discouraged

26. Do you have any additional information about the applicant that you feel would be important to know?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_