



# Pastoral Reference

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

**To the Applicant:** Print your name on the line above and give this form to your pastor. If your father is your pastor, please refer the form to another minister or head laymen in your church. If a person other than your pastor or assistant pastor completes the form, an explanation from you should be sent to the Registrar.

**To the Pastor:** Each applicant for admission to Portland Bible College must submit a recommendation from his or her pastor or substitute as mentioned above. Serious consideration is given to the recommendation, and, therefore we request that you complete the form carefully and candidly. Because we expect straightforward comments, we will handle this recommendation with the strictest confidence.

## Following to be completed by the pastor.

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
How long has he/she been in your church? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How well do you know him/her? (check on following scale)...

Just by name and sight     Casually. Have had few personal contacts.     Fairly well. Have had a number of personal contacts.  
 Have had a very close pastoral relationship.

3. To the best of your knowledge has the applicant made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ?     Yes     No     I don't know  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

4. To what extent is the applicant engaged in the activities of your church (check following scale)

Is irregular in attendance. Little interest in activities.  
 Seldom participates in activities, although regularly attends.  
 Is cooperative and usually willing to help in the various activities of the church.  
 Enthusiastically engages in the activities for his or her age.

5. In what forms of Christian Service has the applicant been regularly active (i.e. Sunday School, Youth Groups, Choir, Orchestra, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. If the applicant does not participate, do you know why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. In comparison with other young people you know, how would you rate this person in the following areas:

	Most Outstanding	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loyalty to Church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commitment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. In your opinion, does this student possess any outstanding abilities? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe. \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_



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9. Please circle the terms which best describe the applicant's attitude toward the church & toward the things for which the church stands.

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|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Warmhearted | Devoted      | Enthusiastic | Critical | Contemptuous |
| Apathetic   | Sympathetic  | Bitter       | Tolerant | Respectful   |
| Rebellious  | Antagonistic | Loving       | Passive  | Grateful     |

Other \_\_\_\_\_

10. In your estimation, this applicant's spiritual influence on his classmates will be... (Please circle one):

- |               |         |           |              |
|---------------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| Strengthening | Neutral | Injurious | I don't know |
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11. Has the applicant's entire record been such that you would place full confidence in his/her integrity? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

12. Does the applicant smoke, drink or have they abused drugs? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are there personality traits which hinder this applicant in his/her relationship with others? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Please describe home factors of which you are aware, which might affect the applicant's success at Portland Bible College. We are interested in the positive as well as the negative factors. \_\_\_\_\_

15. Has the applicant discussed with you the concept of a Bible College education? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you fully approve of the applicant coming to Portland Bible College? Yes No Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Typed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Instructions**

Mail or deliver this completed form to the applicant in a sealed envelope, being sure to seal and sign the flap. The applicant has been instructed not to open the envelope, but to forward it to the Admissions Office with the application materials. The advantage of this system is that the student knows that the application is complete. Thank you for your part in this important phase of the applicant's life. NOTE: If you prefer to mail your recommendation directly to us, please feel free to do so. We ask, however, that you notify the applicant of your action and respond promptly to avoid delays in processing the application & mail the reference promptly to the following address:

**Please return this form to:** Registrar Portland Bible College 9150 NE Fremont Portland, Oregon 97220

**Questions?** Call 503.255.3540