

# The Traveling School



## TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Teachers help us evaluate academic and interpersonal skills and a student's ability to thrive in The Traveling School's unique classroom. After the applicant completes the information in the first section, the form should be given to a teacher who knows the student well.

### Applicant Complete:

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

Applying for:  Fall Semester  Spring Semester Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand the information my teacher provides in this recommendation is confidential.**

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

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### To the Teacher:

The mission of The Traveling School is to empower young women academically, physically, and culturally through an experiential overseas high school semester. Our vision is to cultivate engagement, leadership and confidence in young women.

The Traveling School offers teenage girls ages 15-18 the opportunity to explore the world and learn about themselves through academic, physical, and cultural challenges. Sixteen motivated young women and four inspiring teachers travel to a unique region of the globe for 15 weeks. Fall semesters travel to southern Africa, spring semesters travel to South America. Students earn full academic credit for six semester courses, immerse in new cultures, develop outdoor skills, and build confidence during this transformational semester.

The Traveling School seeks motivated, curious students with a willingness to adapt, reflect and challenge themselves in unique and ever-changing situations. It is not appropriate for students experiencing emotional, behavioral or academic issues. The following questions help us choose among many qualified applicants. We need and appreciate your honest evaluation of this applicant. If you feel another format is more suitable, please adjust accordingly (attach an extra sheet if needed). *All information provided is strictly confidential.*

How long, and in what context, have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What courses do you teach? \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you feel you know this applicant?  Very Well  Fairly Well  Not Very Well

What three qualities come to mind when you think of the applicant?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

To what extent has the applicant been interested in academic work and made the full use of her potential? \_\_\_\_\_

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Comment on the applicant's ability to get along with others, leadership skills, maturity, and sense of humor.

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A Traveling School Semester involves physical and emotional challenges related to overseas travel, being away from home, living within a small community, managing cultural differences and communication barriers, etc. Given your knowledge of the applicant, how do you think she will manage those challenges?

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**Rate the student compared to other students her age:**

	Exceptional	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average
Academic Ability					
Work Habits					
Personal character					
Cooperative with peers					
Takes initiative					
Sensitive to others					
Follows through with tasks					
Responsible					
Self-confidence					

**I recommend this student to The Traveling School:**

- Enthusiastically
- With slight reservations
- With strong reservations

**Remarks:** Please include any background or special circumstances that may be relevant to this student's application (*use an additional sheet if necessary*):

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

**I would like more information about The Traveling School:**

Email or mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return the completed recommendation to The Traveling School via email(preferred) to [dmccurdy@travelingschool.com](mailto:dmccurdy@travelingschool.com)

You can also return the completed form to the student in a sealed envelope or mail it directly to:  
The Traveling School, P.O. Box 7058 Bozeman, MT 59771