

Dear Referee

The person named on this form has applied to join a Scripture Union activity team and has given your name as a referee. Would you please complete the reference form as fully and honestly as possible to indicate whether you think the applicant is suited to a Scripture Union team.

Scripture Union teams seek to bring children, young people and families closer to the living God through missions and holidays around the country. The team will be living and working together for anything from a weekend to two weeks. All the activities are led by gifted adults who have been appointed by Scripture Union.

If appointed the applicant would:

- work with, befriend and take responsibility for a small group of children or young people;
- be involved in presenting the Christian Gospel in various ways such as stories, drama and games;
- take part in teaching outdoor activities, arts and crafts, sports and special interests with their group;
- join in daily prayer and worship within a team, and
- prepare material to use with the children and young people.

Serving on an activity team can bring its own pressures which are often different from those normally encountered at home. Information you give regarding medical complaints, abilities or criminal convictions is considered highly important as it may affect the applicant's suitability. We therefore ask that referees give absolute priority to the safety and needs of the children and young people we are serving. We assure you that anything you write will be treated as confidential.

Please pray for the applicant as they seek to serve God in this way. If you or your church would like to consider supporting them financially, please indicate this in your reply.

When you have completed the form, please send it to the following address within 7 days of receipt: *(Please note that an applicant cannot be accepted on to a team until the references are received.)*

Scripture Union (Holidays/Missions)
Freepost WD2674
207-209 Queensway
Bletchley
Milton Keynes
MK2 2XZ

No stamp required (a stamp will, however, speed the return).

- If you have any queries, please call the Freephone Volunteer Hotline on **0500 856789**
- If you would prefer, you may **FAX** the completed form to us on **01908 856012** or
- Email: **team@scriptureunion.org.uk**

Thank you for taking the time to complete the form.

Yours in Christ



Sharon Prior
Head of Voluntary Ministry

Each year we need several thousand volunteers to enable the missions and holidays to run. Do you know of anyone else who may be interested in volunteering to help on one of our teams? If so, please encourage them to contact us for a Volunteer Pack.

Name of Applicant:Tel:



Name of Referee:Tel:

In some circumstances, we may need to call you, please indicate when it is suitable to call:



.....E-mail:

Name of event applied for: (Holiday / Mission) (Delete one, if known)

As this form is to be photocopied, please type or use **black ink**. If the space is insufficient for your answer please use a separate sheet.

- How long have you known the candidate, and in what context?
- Having read the job summary (overleaf), do you consider the applicant to be suitable to work with children and young people in this context? If no, please state reasons.
- Please give brief details of any similar work in which the applicant has been engaged in recent years, and your impressions.
- How does the applicant respond to working: (please tick the appropriate box and write further comments)

	Poor	Adequate	Fair	Good	Excellent
a) under a team leader?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments					
b) in a team?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments					
c) with both men and women?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments					

5. In your view what are the applicant's qualities (e.g. temperament, reliability, response to pressure)?

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

6. Please comment on the applicant's spiritual life (e.g. Christian commitment, church attendance etc.)

7. Is there anything else about the applicant of which you feel we should be aware?

If you are able to offer support, please tick box: Finance Prayer

Signed:Date:Office Use only: Copy to Leader

Post to: Scripture Union Field Administration, FREEPOST WD2674, 207-209 Queensway, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK2 2XZ

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