

**Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry
Mentor /Minister Reference Form**

Second of Three References

Please ask an individual who knows you well and can speak to your personal values and character as well as your experiences with service to complete this recommendation form. Examples of a mentor include an advisor, a past volunteer coordinator, a youth minister, a campus minister, a pastor, or a professor.

APPLICANT: _____

TO THE APPLICANT: Please consider signing this waiver so that we might receive information that is as objective as possible.

____ I hereby waive the right to see this completed form.

____ I do not waive my right to see this completed form.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Reference: _____

TO THE REFERENCE:

About Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry

Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry, sponsored by the Sisters of Bon Secours, provides the opportunity for women and men to participate in the Sisters' commitment to justice in radical solidarity with the poor, the suffering, and those most in need. In order to do this, Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry supports individuals throughout a year of full-time service primarily within an urban neighborhood in Baltimore, Maryland. Due to our specialization in health care, education, and social service, Bon Secours Volunteers minister in hospitals, clinics, public health settings, tuition-free private schools, family resource centers, adult learning centers, and other agencies which strive to address the needs of people who face economic injustice.

In addition to learning from their full-time service, Bon Secours volunteers commit to: develop an intentional community, grow spiritually, live simply, and practice God's justice. Throughout this year, volunteers discover that by sharing the Bon Secours' charism of compassion, healing, and liberation with others they, in turn, receive the charism from those they serve.

About this Reference Form

We ask that you help us get to know the applicant as we consider his or her acceptability to the mission and commitments of Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry. No applicant will be rejected on the basis of a single reference. Feel free to omit any questions that you are not prepared to answer. Your response is an integral part of the application process and we appreciate your time.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. Please describe the context of your relationship with the applicant.

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3. After considering the above description of Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry, do you feel the applicant is a strong candidate? Why or why not?

4. What makes this applicant unique? In a few sentences, please describe this applicant's character, his or her outstanding personality traits, and his or her limitations.

5. Please describe the applicant's ability to live in a community setting (sharing household tasks, reflection on services, interacting with a group). Which aspects of the applicant's personality may help with living in community? Which aspects may hinder the applicant in community?

6. How have you witnessed this applicant be a healing presence to others?

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For the next set of questions, please use the following key:

1= Poor 2= Below Average 3= Average 4= Above Average 5= Outstanding

Please rate the applicant on his or her ability to:

	1	2	3	4	5
Handle Stress					
Navigate Disagreements or Conflict					
Be Flexible and Adjust to New Situations					
Share Openly with Others					
Express His or Her Feelings					
Related to His or Her Peers					
Follow Through on Commitments					

To what degree have you witnessed the applicant express an interest in the following:

	Little to no interest	Mild interest	Lot of interest	Strong interest/ Leadership
Learning Through Service with Others				
Growing Spiritually				
Developing Community				
Living Simply				
Practicing God's Justice				

Additional Comments:

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RECOMMENDATION:

- _____ Highly recommend
- _____ Recommend
- _____ Recommend with reservations
- _____ Do not recommend

Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE APPLICANT TO SUBMIT WITH FULL APPLICATION.

If the right to view this form has been waived,
then please return to the applicant in a sealed and signed envelope.

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