



# Cromwell Christian School of Ministry

## Pastor's Reference

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

**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 layman in your church. If a person other than your pastor or assistant pastor completes the form, *you* must send an explanation.

**To the pastor or substitute:** Each applicant for admission to CCSM 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 the applicant? (select from the following scale)

- Just by name and sight
- Casually – have had a 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 (please select one)?

- Is irregular in attendance, little interest in activities
- Attends regularly but seldom participates in activities
- Is cooperative and usually willing to help in the various activities of the church
- Enthusiastically engages in the activities for his/her age

5. In what forms of Christian service has the applicant been regularly active? (i.e. Sunday School, youth groups, choir, 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					
Responsibility					
Loyalty to Church					
Commitment					

8. In your opinion, does the applicant possess any outstanding abilities? Please describe:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please circle the terms which best describe the applicant's attitude toward the Church, and toward the things for which the Church stands.

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

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. In your estimation, this applicant's spiritual influence in his/her classmates will be (please circle one):

- |               |         |           |              |
|---------------|---------|-----------|--------------|
| Strengthening | Neutral | Injurious | I don't know |
|---------------|---------|-----------|--------------|

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 CCSM. We are interested in the positive as well as the negative factors. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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16. Do you fully approve of the applicant coming to Cromwell Christian School of Ministry?

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17. Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Typed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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. Please mail the reference form to the following address:

Cromwell Christian School of Ministry  
1607 Cromwell Bridge Road  
Baltimore, MD 21234

**Questions? Call 410-882-2217**