

## OUTTATOWN PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM

**CMU's Outtatown Discipleship School is a mobile community of young disciples.** Our desire is to see them grow as disciples of Jesus. Our goal is to help them along in their journey towards: Knowing God, Knowing themselves and Knowing the world. Much of the applicant's time will be spent "on the road", in both dormitory and billeting situations. The educational and adventure experiences are set up for students who are motivated to "ask, seek, and knock".

Instructions for the Applicant	Instructions for the Referee
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill in your contact information in Section A.</li> <li>2. Ask two adults* (non-relatives), who've known you for at least 1 year and know you particularly well, to complete this form and return it to CMU. *One might be your Pastor/Youth Pastor/Youth Leader.</li> <li>3. Provide the person completing this form with a stamped envelope addressed to: Enrolment/Outtatown 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. Winnipeg, MB R3P 2N2</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill in your contact information in Section B.</li> <li>2. Complete Section C.</li> <li>3. Return the form to Outtatown by mail or fax it to 204.487.3858</li> <li>4. All information provided by you will be held in confidence by Outtatown.</li> <li>5. Thank you for taking the time to complete a reference, your participation is appreciated.  Yes! Please send me an Outtatown newsletter in Spring and Fall for this year.</li> </ol>

### Section A – Applicant

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First*
*Last*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Section B – Referee

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First*
*Last*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Profession \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Section C – Reference Questions

1. Please comment on what you know of the applicant's faith experience (i.e. Are they searching with integrity; not showing much interest; a positive & active Christian, involvement in local church).
2. How will the applicant contribute to the community life of the group (i.e. Gifts, abilities, etc)?
3. How do you assess the applicant in these categories? (give a value of 1 to 10 with 10 being the most positive.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Desire to learn more about the Christian faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Level of personal self-confidence in new situations
<input type="checkbox"/> Participation in his/her church	<input type="checkbox"/> Ability to accept others different from him/herself
<input type="checkbox"/> Participation in sports, community or school events	<input type="checkbox"/> Good self-concept. Aware of strengths & weaknesses
<input type="checkbox"/> Has a positive influence on others	<input type="checkbox"/> Commitment to growing and is a disciple of Christ
<input type="checkbox"/> Commitment to academic study	<input type="checkbox"/> Willingness to be accountable to a Christian community
<input type="checkbox"/> Servanthood... known for quick ability to be helpful	<input type="checkbox"/> Flexibility/fluid/able to change course easily
<input type="checkbox"/> General health... energy/stamina level, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Teachable
<input type="checkbox"/> Positive relationships within friendship grouping	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical ability... to hike, canoe, carry a backpack, etc
4. In what areas do you hope the applicant will grow and change during this year?
5. Other people would describe this applicant as: (choose as many as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> A leader	<input type="checkbox"/> Funny	<input type="checkbox"/> Nice, but a little hard to get to know
<input type="checkbox"/> Artistic	<input type="checkbox"/> A little odd at times	<input type="checkbox"/> Life of the party
<input type="checkbox"/> A thinker	<input type="checkbox"/> Kind of average	<input type="checkbox"/> Challenging
<input type="checkbox"/> Pretty quiet	<input type="checkbox"/> Good student	
6. Please describe the applicant's general behaviour and "place" within a group setting (i.e. Leader, follower, on the edge, etc).
7. Outtatown can be an intense experience, both physically and mentally/emotionally. Its busy schedule, adventurous activities, moving locations weekly, living in community and engaging with issues of faith, poverty, justice and self all lead to the intensity that the students will deal with. So it's important for us to evaluate an applicant's fit for the program based on health. Do you have any concerns about this applicant's emotional and mental health to live in such a moving and dynamic environment? Please comment. If there are any concerns, do you feel that they are stable enough to cope with the intensity of the program?

8. Every once in a while we have to send a student home for reasons of attitude or behaviour. We really hate doing this and so for applicants coming into our program with a "history", it is often helpful to interview them personally so that they truly understand what they are signing up for. Is there a history of difficult or inappropriate behaviour with this person...and what would be your recommendations?

9. Is there anything special we can do for this applicant? Or anything else that would be helpful for us to know?

**Send forms to:**

Canadian Mennonite University  
Attn: Enrolment/Outtatown  
500 Shaftesbury Blvd.  
Winnipeg, MB R3P 2N2