

# EVANGELICAL SEMINARY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Student Reference: Full Time Studies



**Name of applicant:**

Thank you for completing this reference. Student applications can only be processed once applicants have submitted **all** the required reference and other forms, so we would be grateful if you could complete this as quickly as possible. The completed form can then either be returned to the applicant (who must then forward it to us) or mailed directly to: **The Academic Registrar, ESSA, P O Box 2400, Pietermaritzburg, 3200; or faxed to +27 33 394 0034 (International) or 033 3940034 (RSA).**

In the years that we have been receiving student character references, we have yet to receive a single bad reference – this is to be expected as no applicant would send us a poor reference! What it does mean though is that in order to properly assess potential students, what we are looking for are specific details which back up your support for this applicant. If you don't know the applicant well enough to provide a confident reference, we would prefer it if you asked the applicant to choose someone more suitable to complete the reference.

**Your name:**

I have known the applicant for \_\_\_\_ years, in the following capacity: \_\_\_\_\_  
I would support this application to study at ESSA for the following reasons:

Please comment on the applicant's Christian service and effectiveness from your personal perspective:

**Based on your personal knowledge of the applicant, please comment briefly on his or her attitude in respect of each of the following:**

Relating to people of other cultural backgrounds:

Responding to advice and counsel:

Use of and attitude towards money:

On a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent), how would you rate the applicant on the following criteria? (Place an X in the appropriate box).

	1	2	3	4	5
Integrity					
Hard-working					
Initiative taking					
People skills					
Leadership ability					
Sense of calling					
Self control and discipline					
Academic ability					
Ministry gifts					

From your knowledge of the applicant, which area of student life do you expect him or her to struggle with the most, or find the most challenging?

To your knowledge is this application supported by the applicant's local church?

To your knowledge, has the applicant raised enough financial support to be able to pay student fees?

Please add any further comments which you feel may assist us in guiding the applicant if he/she is accepted as a student at ESSA.

I have read through these questions carefully and have answered them as honestly as I can.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact telephone number: (            ) (            )