



## Recommendation Form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

The student above is applying for membership to the Dickerson Park Zoo's Venturing volunteer program. We appreciate your candid responses to the questions below, which will be kept confidential. As a member of the Venture Crew, the student will have an opportunity to work with zookeepers learning the care and management of a wide variety of exotic species. The volunteer opportunities will be year-round. **This reference form must be mailed directly to the zoo in the provided preaddressed stamped envelope.**

We appreciate your time and assistance. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Sheila or Jackson (417-833-1570).

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects Taught \_\_\_\_\_

1. When did you last teach this student? \_\_\_\_\_

2. In what capacity and for how long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you know of any special interests, qualities, abilities or experiences of this applicant which would be helpful for us to know?

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4. Do you feel this student would be able to commit to working 16 hours/month at the zoo?

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5. Please evaluate the student to the best of your abilities by circling the appropriate number/letter.

1=Outstanding 2=Excellent 3=Good 4=Average 5=Fair 6=Below Average U=Unknown

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|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| COMMUNICATION SKILLS .....         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |
| COMMON SENSE .....                 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |
| CREATIVITY .....                   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |
| DEPENDABILITY .....                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |
| SELF MOTIVATION .....              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |
| REGARD FOR AUTHORITY .....         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |
| COOPERATION .....                  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |
| ABILITY TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |
| PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS .....       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |
| SAFETY AWARENESS .....             | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | U |

Additional Comments:

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 c/o Dickerson Park Zoo  
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Teacher's Signature

Date