2005-06 Summer Servant-Leadership Program
Recommendation

Applicant’s name: _________________________________________

To the applicant: Please select two people who can speak well for your capacity and potential as a servant-leader (for example, a professor, your advisor, your summer supervisor or another employer, or someone with whom you have volunteered), and ask each to complete and return one copy of this recommendation form. Be sure to fill in your name and your reference’s name where noted; indicate whether you waive your right of access to this recommendation; and provide your reference a stamped (if necessary), pre-addressed envelope with which to return the form to the CVR by April 18, 2005.

Authorization (sign only one):

I hereby authorize (reference’s name) ___________________________ to complete this recommendation form. Under the provision of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right of access to this recommendation and understand that the information provided will be used only for the purpose for which it was prepared.

__________________________________________________________________________
(applicant’s signature)

[OR]

I retain my right of access to this recommendation.

__________________________________________________________________________
(applicant’s signature)

To the reference: The student named above is applying to participate in the Summer Servant-Leadership Program, sponsored by the Center for Vocational Reflection at Gustavus Adolphus College. The program is open to students who will spend the summer working with a non-profit human service agency; a camp; an organization that deals with issues of peace, social justice, community building, environmental education and stewardship; and the like. The several components of this rigorous, high-commitment program – including a $1500 stipend and a year of follow-up reflection and leadership development opportunities – are intended to encourage students to spend their summer working and growing as servant-leaders, and to support them in exploring potential “callings” to a lifetime of leadership and service. Please take a few moments to offer some insight into this applicant’s capacity and potential as a servant-leader, by sharing with us your candid responses to the questions on the back side of this page. Your input is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Please return the completed form by Monday, April 18, directly to:

The Center for Vocational Reflection
Gustavus Adolphus College
800 West College Ave.
St. Peter, MN  56082

(phone 507-933-7169; fax 507-933-6277)
In the space provided or, if you prefer, on a separate sheet, please offer us any insights you can in response to the following questions, providing specific examples whenever possible.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? In that time, what have struck you as some of her or his most outstanding qualities?

2. How would you describe the applicant’s commitment to and embodiment of the idea of “servant-leadership?” When you hear the phrase “servant-leader,” what makes you think of this person?

3. Please comment on the applicant’s reliability, maturity, “attitude,” and readiness for deep personal reflection and growth.

4. How would you describe the applicant’s capacity to build and sustain community with others (e.g., her or his ability to listen deeply, to empathize and foster “healing,” to deal with conflict, to bring out the best in others, to appreciate diverse perspectives)?

5. What do you believe will be among the applicant’s most significant contributions to this program? What might be some of her or his biggest challenges or “growing edges?”

6. What else do you believe it would be helpful for us to know?

7. Overall, you would say: ______ enthusiastic recommendation ______ recommend without reservation
   ______ recommend with reservation ______ not recommended

Your signature _______________________________ Date __________________

Thank you again for your help.