

REFERENCE FORM (for those who prefer generating a paper reference letter)

Name of Referee _____

Title/Position _____

Name of Applicant _____

Please print this form and send it along with your letter of recommendation to:

The Wexner Foundation Selection Committee
8000 Walton Parkway, Suite 110
New Albany, Ohio 43054

The Wexner Graduate Fellowship/Davidson Scholar Program is designed to attract promising Jewish men and women preparing for careers in professional Jewish leadership. The career areas designated for Wexner Graduate Fellows are: the Cantorate, Jewish Communal Service, Jewish Education, Jewish Studies and the Rabbinate. Fellows are granted a \$20,000 award to be used toward tuition and/or a living stipend for full time graduate study for up to three years. Note: Jewish Studies fellows are expected to receive funding from their university. The Wexner Fellowship grants Jewish Studies fellows a \$5,000 tuition supplement.

We seek outstanding individuals who clearly demonstrate the promise to become leaders within their chosen fields. A hallmark of the fellowship experience is two annual institutes sponsored by The Foundation. Thus we seek fellows who can contribute to a respectful and creative community dialogue across the spectrum of professions and Jewish ideologies.

The Wexner Foundation is grateful for your candid assessment of the applicant named above. Please describe, using specific examples whenever possible, the applicant's qualifications and potential in light of these standards and expectations. Please limit your recommendation to a one sided single-spaced typed page responding to the three questions listed below:

1. In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?
2. The Wexner Graduate Fellowship Committee is seeking candidates who have demonstrated superior intellectual ability, a capacity to work effectively with others, strong communication skills, exemplary character and integrity, a high degree of self-awareness, extensive Jewish involvement and commitment and leadership accomplishments in their activities to date.

Please assess the applicant with respect to these qualities and his or her career interests, describing areas in which the applicant is particularly strong.

3. While we are most interested in the candidate's strengths, some sense of areas that require growth and improvement would be useful. We would appreciate your candor in this regard.

If you are not able to complete this letter of recommendation, please inform the applicant right away. The applicant's eligibility may be affected if the required materials are not received by February 12.

Signature of Referee _____ Date _____