

# Emerson Waldorf School

## Teacher Reference Form

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for admission to the Emerson Waldorf School. This teacher reference form is one of the application requirements for entrance to our school.

In Waldorf Education, each child follows a curriculum offering an in-depth progression through the traditional academic subjects including history, geography, language arts, the sciences, geometry, and algebra, foreign languages, and the fine and practical arts (painting, sculpting, music, drama, handwork, gardening, woodworking, and eurythmy- a form of movement set to speech and music).

Your thoughtful and candid comments will help us to determine whether the Waldorf School is the right school for this child. Please rest assured that your responses will be held in the strictest confidence. We also ask that you take time now to respond, for the child's application will not be complete without this information.

**Please use a separate piece of paper if more space is needed.**

How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?

Could you tell us what academic and intellectual strengths and weaknesses the applicant displays?

Is this child comfortable with reading? How are the child's verbal skills? Writing skills? How about other academic subjects?

How about artistically ~ in art, in music?

How does the child get along with other children? Would you describe this child as a leader, a follower, a participant, an observer, a loner? Does she/he respond readily to peer pressure, in a negative or positive way? How would you describe the child's friendships? Adult relationships?

Could you describe the applicant's learning style? Does he or she follow directions well? Participate in class discussions and projects? Work independently or in groups? Follow through on class- and home-work? Exhibit imagination, curiosity and motivation? Please be specific.

Could you comment on the emotional maturity of the applicant. Personal strengths and needs? How about sense of humor, leadership, integrity. Feel free to include specific anecdotes.

How would you imagine that this child might respond to the challenge of catching up in a subject ~ music, foreign languages, other ~ that the rest of the class might have studied for a number of years?

Please comment on the applicant's special interests or abilities.

Does the applicant have any impairment in speech, hearing, vision, muscular development, or visual/auditory perception or processing of which we should be aware? To your knowledge, has the child ever been evaluated or received counseling or tutoring of any kind? Please be specific.

What advice would you offer to someone working with this child?

Any additional comments:

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Name	Signature	Date
Title	Address	Telephone

After completion, please return this form to :

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