

JUMP for Kids  
Confidential Character Reference

Please return by

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Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

To:  
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The candidate named above has applied to serve as a mentor for a child through JUMP for Kids. As a "JUMP mentor," the candidate will be expected to meet with his/her "JUMP mentee" for at least one hour each week for one year with the primary goal of building a strong friendship. As the JUMP Board of Directors matches adult mentors with children, they must carefully consider the character of both. You have been asked to reflect on this candidate's personal qualities and qualifications. Your candid observations will be most helpful because our primary interest is to create healthy, safe, productive and lasting matches.

How long have you known the candidate? What is your relationship to her/him?

What three words best describe the character of this candidate?

To what extent does the candidate follow through on commitments?

Always \_\_\_\_\_ Usually \_\_\_\_\_ Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ Seldom \_\_\_\_\_

Can you cite evidence of this candidate's reliability?

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Please describe your view of the candidate's judgement.

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_

What do you believe would be this candidate's greatest strengths in terms of serving as a role model and mentor for a child.

Are you aware of any character trait, past events, or other reasons that might NOT make this candidate an ideal role model and mentor?

What questions would you suggest we ask the candidate that might help us better assess her/his preparedness to assume a JUMP mentoring relationship?

To your knowledge, has the candidate ever abused the use of alcohol or drugs or abused a person?

As a parent or potential parent, would you consider placing the responsibility for a child of yours with this person?

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Signature of Reference