



## Michigan-Shiga High School Exchange Teacher Recommendation Form

Your student (or former student) is applying to be one of 15 high school students from the State of Michigan to participate in a two-way international exchange with students from Shiga Prefecture, Japan. In addition to traveling to Shiga during the coming summer, your student will also host her/his exchange partner for two weeks in Michigan in the fall. Please answer the questions provided regarding your students ability to act as a good representative of your school, Michigan, and the U.S.

**Instructions for the recommender:** Please place the completed form in an envelope and write the student's name on the front. Seal the envelope and sign your name across the flap to ensure confidentiality. Return the sealed envelope to the student to be forwarded (unopened) as part of his/her application. **Note:** *For this recommendation to be considered, it cannot be completed by anyone related to the student.*

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please rate the student according to the following list of ten characteristics.** This list reflects factors which research has shown are important to successful intercultural adjustment. **(1 = Low, 5 = High)**

Open-mindedness & resourcefulness	1	2	3	4	5
Sense of humor	1	2	3	4	5
Resilience: ability to cope with failure	1	2	3	4	5
Communicativeness	1	2	3	4	5
Flexibility and adaptability	1	2	3	4	5
Curiosity	1	2	3	4	5
Sets positive and realistic expectations	1	2	3	4	5
Tolerance for differences	1	2	3	4	5
Social maturity	1	2	3	4	5
Self-Esteem	1	2	3	4	5

1) How long and in what context have you known this student?

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*(More questions on the following page)*

