



# TAYLOR UNIVERSITY APPLICATION CHRISTIAN CHARACTER REFERENCE FORM

I AM APPLYING FOR:  October 1  November 1  February 1  March 1

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Applicant: Please complete this section and give this form to your recommender. Be sure to check the deadline for which you are applying.

*Under the provision of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right to review your educational records. The Act further provides that you may waive your right to see letters written on your behalf for admission.*

*I waive my right of access to this recommendation written on behalf of my candidacy for admission.*

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note: The student's application will not be evaluated until we have this form. We value your comments and request that you give a full and candid report.

### ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT (CIRCLE THE ONE THAT FITS BEST)

1. How well do you know the applicant?

- By name/sight
- Casually
- Very well

2. To the best of your knowledge, has the applicant made a personal commitment to

Jesus Christ?  Yes  No

3. Please select which fruit of the Spirit you see in the life of this student:

- Love
- Patience
- Joy
- Kindness
- Peace
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-control

4. Please indicate the applicant's spiritual influence on his/her peers.

- Positive
- Neutral
- Negative

5. Please circle any 5 words listed below that best describe the applicant.

- Leader
- Distracting
- Relational
- Critical
- Teachable
- Follower
- Committed
- Loner
- Compassionate
- Creative
- Self-Centered
- Complacent
- Mature
- Disciple
- Authentic
- Sincere

6. What is your opinion of the student's social readiness?

- Highly enthusiastic
- Strong
- Moderate
- Hesitant
- Negative
- No Opinion
- Neutral - has little or no impact in community

7. Please list the most obvious strength and weakness that come to mind when you think of this applicant.

Strength: \_\_\_\_\_

Weakness: \_\_\_\_\_

8. To the best of your knowledge does the applicant:

- Smoke?  Yes  No
- Drink alcoholic beverages?  Yes  No
- Use illegal drugs?  Yes  No
- (Learn more about Taylor's Life Together Covenant at [taylor.edu/LTC](http://taylor.edu/LTC))*

9. Please feel free to share with us any information or clarifications you may have about the applicant that would help in our evaluation.

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FINISH THIS FORM ON THE BACK



## RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### IF REPRESENTING A CHURCH

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET

CITY STATE ZIP  
How many students are in your youth group? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an alumnus of Taylor?  Yes  No Grad year: \_\_\_\_\_

Is a member of your staff an alumnus of Taylor University?  Yes  No

If yes, please indicate name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student\*:

Coach Pastor or Church Leader Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Friend Youth Pastor

Mentor Teacher

\*Note: references cannot be completed by relatives

How familiar are you with Taylor University?

Very familiar

Somewhat familiar

Not at all familiar

Do you know any other students that you believe would be interested in Taylor?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive any materials from Taylor University?

Yes  No

Are you interested in bringing your youth group to campus?

Yes  No

If you are interested in a Taylor representative visiting with you and your youth group, please call our office at 800.882.3456.

## PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

Taylor University Office of Admission | 236 W. Reade Ave. | Upland, IN | 46989

## THE TAYLOR TOWEL

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took not only the bread and the cup as lasting symbols of His self-giving love, but also a servant's towel. He stepped down from the seat of honor, took off His outer clothing, put a towel around His waist, and washed their feet. In doing this He offered His disciples a profound and radically counter-cultural demonstration of the very heart of God. The good life He invites His followers to participate in involves taking up the towel with Him.

The towel is more than a symbol at Taylor. It is a tangible expression of the mission of the University, reminding and challenging graduates that all they have and will accomplish of real significance comes by participating in the servant ministry of Jesus Christ—both in them and in the world.

The Taylor towel is a simple physical reminder of the emphasis placed throughout the Taylor experience on serving one another in love in reflection of God's love for us. The towel clarifies the ideals and aspirations for Christian community expressed in our Life Together Covenant, announcing our calling to a persevering love, the kind that seeks to foster wholly integrated followers of Christ in a community where brokenness is being redeemed.



LEARN MORE ABOUT LIFE  
TOGETHER AT TAYLOR  
[TAYLOR.EDU/STUDENT-LIFE](https://taylor.edu/student-life)



**“The first thing I think about is how the towel reminds me of who God is. What Jesus does on that night of His betrayal is illustrate for us what God is all about—giving His power to create and sustain life-giving relationship. This is the mission of Jesus that continues now through the Spirit. The towel invites me to share both the joy and pain of participating in this ongoing work of God.” -Dr. Diller**