

**YEAR-IN-JAPAN PROGRAM
RECOMMENDATION**

Name of Applicant: _____

College currently attending: _____

I hereby waive my rights of access to this recommendation as provided in the Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Signature _____ Date _____

To the applicant: *Complete the top part of the form. Your application requires two faculty recommendations, one should be a Japanese language instructor and the other from a non-language faculty member. If there is another person you feel is better qualified to comment on your preparedness to study abroad, please feel free to send a third letter of recommendation.*

To the writer: *The above student has applied for admission to the Year-in-Japan program. The program is for an academic year abroad under the supervision of a representative of this or a cooperating university. All students in the program live with Japanese families. Such study places unusual demands on the student, requiring a greater degree of adaptability and of concentration than is usually the case on campus. Your frank appraisal of the student will be appreciated. If the student has signed the above release, your comments will be held in confidentiality.*

1. How long have you known the student, and in what context?

2. Please rank the applicant on the following traits:

(1 = excellent; 2 = good; 3 = fair; 4 = poor; X = unknown)

academic ability	1	2	3	4	X	linguistic ability	1	2	3	4	X
adaptability	1	2	3	4	X	intellectual curiosity	1	2	3	4	X
articulateness	1	2	3	4	X	persistence	1	2	3	4	X
self reliance	1	2	3	4	X	ability to get along with others	1	2	3	4	X
emotional maturity	1	2	3	4	X	sensitivity to others	1	2	3	4	X

3. Please comment on the applicant's academic strengths and weaknesses.

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4. Please comment on the applicant's personal qualities, positive and negative, that would bear on his/her ability to adapt to the unusual demands of living and studying abroad.

5. Additional comments.

6. My overall recommendation of this candidate for admission to the Year-in-Japan Program is

Strongly
Recommend

Recommend

Recommend with
some reservation

Do not recommend

Signature

Date

Name (please print)

Title

Address

Phone number

Please return this form by February 15 to:

Year in Japan Program
Study Abroad Office
University of Pittsburgh
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Pittsburgh, PA 15260