The student above is applying for a seat in the McMaster Exchange Program ‘MacAbroad’. McMaster sets a 7.0 cumulative GPA requirement as part of its basic eligibility into the program. Currently, the applicant above is below the necessary cumulative GPA to receive automatic consideration.

Conditional nomination into the McMaster Exchange Program may be granted given the submission of an academic letter of reference and general expectation that the student will meet the GPA requirement by the end of term 2.

Since participants are representatives of their nation and institution, we are concerned with both academic excellence and personal suitability. The willingness of host institutions to accept future participants may be affected by the student’s performance. Your opinion of this student will be of great assistance in the selection process.

Please refer to the following guidelines when writing your Letter of Reference, or feel free to comment as you deem appropriate based on your relationship with the student.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this student?

2. Please comment, to the best of your ability, on this student in terms of the following:

   A) Academic suitability for study at another institution
   B) Personal suitability for participation both academically and personally
   C) Emotional stability, maturity, weaknesses
   D) Knowledge in chosen field
   E) Motivation & seriousness of purpose
   F) Ability to express thoughts in speech and writing
   G) Self-reliance

3. Any additional comments you would like to make?