



The following person, \_\_\_\_\_ is applying to undertake postgraduate work in the Department of Geology, Southern Illinois University Carbondale and has named you as a referee. The Department gratefully appreciates your cooperation in supplying, in strict confidence, a reference including but not limited to

1. the duration and status of your knowledge of the students capabilities (student in class, student worker in laboratory, student research assistant, etc.)
2. the candidates intellectual and academic capabilities, including your rating of the student with respect to his/her peers
3. your assessment of the suitability of the student as a prospective graduate student
4. particular shortcomings of the student
5. the fluency of his/her spoken/written English
6. your evaluation of his/her ability to be a teaching assistant involving direct teaching of laboratories in lower level undergraduate Geology courses.

Please provide this and any additional information that you feel appropriate either in the space provided below or as an attachment. Your comments will be treated in strict confidence. Once completed please mail to: Graduate Coordinator, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Department of Geology, MC 4324, Carbondale, IL 62901-4324.