



**PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM
GRINNELL CORPS: LESOTHO FELLOWSHIP, 2012 – 2013**

Due Monday, February 6, 2012, by 5:00pm

Name of Applicant _____

As a part of the Grinnell Corps, Grinnell College will appoint two of its 2012 graduates as teaching Fellows to assist in the teaching of English, Science, or Mathematics for one year in a Catholic mission girls' High School located in the mountains of the Kingdom of Lesotho, a small country about one fifth the size of Iowa and totally surrounded by South Africa.

In selecting the Teaching Fellows, Grinnell College seeks fluent speakers of English who will be able to teach English, Science, Mathematics, and perhaps other subjects for a two-semester school year, beginning in June 2012 or January 2013 and concluding twelve months later. St. Rodrigue High School is a girls' boarding school of over 400 students with a curriculum that prepares students for the Junior Certificate examination at the end of three years and the Cambridge Overseas School Certificate examination after the fifth year. Teachers prepare students for these examinations using a standard curriculum and textbooks. Expectations are equal to and, in the case of the Cambridge examinations, above those of US high schools.

You are asked to comment on the applicant's suitability for the above program. Include reference to strengths and weaknesses of candidate, seriousness of purpose, and your estimation of academic ability and emotional maturity. Since the participants in this program will be teaching English as a second language to Southern Africa high-school students, the Selection Committee would welcome any comments you can make about the candidate's command of English (oral and written performance) and any other comments you feel would help us in selection of a strong candidate for this program.

You do NOT need to return this form with your letter of recommendation.

Please contact Doug Cutchins, cutchins@grinnell.edu, with any questions.

Please note that, as a part of the Grinnell Corps application process, the student named above will submit a signed statement which reads as follows: "I hereby waive my right to view faculty and institutional letters of recommendation or endorsement which are written for the purpose of this award competition. While copies of these letters may be provided to me by the authors, I understand that this is done as a courtesy by the author and does not affect this waiver." Therefore, no student waiver is provided with this form.



*Please submit a letter of recommendation for the candidate named above on or before **Monday, February 6, 2012 at 5:00 pm**. Letters may be addressed to the Grinnell Corps: Lesotho Selection Committee. Please be sure your letter includes your name, title, and contact information (address, email, and phone). Letters may be submitted in one of three ways: 1) via email to Doug Cutchins (cutchins@grinnell.edu), 2) in hard copy to 1233 Park St., Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA 50112, or 3) via fax to (641) 269- 4321, Attn: Doug Cutchins.*