



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

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

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

As a part of the Grinnell Corps, each year Grinnell College appoints two of its graduates as teaching Fellows to assist for an academic year in the teaching of English at Number 11 High School, affiliated with Nanjing University in Nanjing, People’s Republic of China. The Grinnell Corps’ Nanjing Teaching Fellowship allows these graduates to work closely with Chinese high school teachers and students while living with foreign students in the Foreign-Student Dormitory at Nanjing University. In sponsoring the Fellowships, Grinnell College and Nanjing University hope to provide the Fellows with opportunities to know Chinese society well, to view their own lives and American society in a wider perspective, and to develop a lively sense of international citizenship.

In selecting the Grinnell Corps’ Nanjing Teaching Fellows, Grinnell College seeks native speakers of English who have an excellent command of oral and written English and who have experience in the study of another language. The candidates should have a sound knowledge of American culture and should demonstrate an interest in Chinese culture and history.

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 Chinese 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](mailto: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: Nanjing 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](mailto: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.*