



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

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

Name of Applicant _____

One member of the class of 2012 will be selected as the fifth Grinnell Corps: New Orleans fellow, and will work with the Jericho Road Housing Initiative, a program of Episcopal Relief and Development. Jericho Road creates community partnerships and long-term housing collaborations in order to rehabilitate neighborhoods, empower families and individuals and transform communities in one of America's most economically and culturally important cities.

The New Orleans Fellow's responsibilities will be great. Jericho Road is a lean and very productive organization where much is expected. New Orleans currently offers unparalleled opportunities to be part of real world solutions. Assigned tasks will have immediate and concrete deliverables which will be implemented within the community. A full job description is available at www.grinnell.edu/offices/SocialCommitment/grinnellcorps/neworleans/

The top candidates for this Fellowship will demonstrate a passion for social justice coupled with a solid generalist liberal arts background. Reading, writing, communicating and problem solving will be the central focus of the Fellow's work. While there is certainly no expectation or requirement that the Fellow would be a person of faith, the Fellow would need to understand that religion plays a larger role in New Orleans than in most American communities, and demonstrate an ability to feel comfortable in this milieu.

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.

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: New Orleans 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.*