



# UNITED STATES–TIMOR-LESTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2009

## PERSONAL REFERENCE

**Application deadline: Received by 21 AUGUST, 2009**

The applicant below is applying for admission to the United States–Timor-Leste (USTL) Scholarship Program and has asked that you provide a letter of reference. We appreciate your time and effort in supplying this additional background information. After completing this letter of reference, please seal it in an envelope and sign the back of the envelope prior to returning it to the applicant. This letter of reference may also be mailed directly to USTL Scholarship Coordinator c/o the Embassy of the United States of America, Avenida de Portugal, Praia dos Coqueiros, Dili, Timor-Leste. Note: If the author of the reference letter cannot write in English, s/he may compose the letter in Tetum or Bahasa Indonesia, and should attach an English language translation to the original document; EWC’s confidentiality policy applies to translated reference letters as well. Thank you for your assistance.

Name and title of person writing recommendation (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's special area of academic and research interest \_\_\_\_\_

*TO THE APPLICANT: Confidentiality of Participant Records*

*Under East-West Center policy, this letter may be viewed by you unless you waive your right to see it or the person writing this letter wishes it to be held in confidence (#9). In the event you do not waive your right to see this letter but the referee indicates in item #9 that he/she wishes the letter to be held in confidence, the referee's preference will take precedence.*

- I waive my right to see this letter of reference
- I do not waive my right to see this letter of reference

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. How well and in what capacity do you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please rate the applicant in terms of each of the following:

	Exceptional	Well Above Average	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
LEADERSHIP ABILITY OR POTENTIAL						
INITIATIVE						
CREATIVITY						
ENGLISH LANGUAGE EASE (IF NOT NATIVE SPEAKER OF ENGLISH)						
ADAPTABILITY/CAPACITY FOR CHANGE						
CAREER POTENTIAL						
INTELLIGENCE						
SELF-EXPRESSION						
SELF-AWARENESS						
ABILITY TO COPE WITH PERSONAL CRISES						
MOTIVATION TO PURSUE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION						
OPENNESS TO ACQUIRING NEW PERSPECTIVES AND EXPERIENCES						
CROSS-CULTURAL SENSITIVITY						

4. What would you say are the applicant's personal strengths and weaknesses?

5. What has been this individual's greatest personal achievement?

6. Please provide any additional comments that you consider relevant regarding the applicant.

7. Do you recommend the applicant for a USTL scholarship?

Recommend highly

Recommend

Recommend with reservations

Do not recommend

Insufficient basis for making recommendation

8. Please check one:

I have no objection to disclosing this letter of reference to the applicant if he/she requests

I do not want this letter of reference to be disclosed to the applicant.

Referee's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_