



IYLEP Letter of Recommendation Form (#2)

The applicant named below is applying for the Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP). This program enables 100 highly-motivated undergraduate students from Iraq to attend an intensive academic summer program at a U.S. host university, strengthening their leadership skills and their academic knowledge in a chosen area of study. Since participants serve as representatives of their home university and Iraq, IYLEP would appreciate your evaluation of the applicant's academic and personal suitability for studying and traveling abroad.

Instructions:

Recommendations should be completed by **two (2)** professors, employers, or other individuals who know the applicant on a professional level and have an understanding of the applicant's academic, leadership, and personal qualities. Recommendations should not be from family members or friends.

This recommendation should be typewritten or clearly printed in **English**.

Recommendations should be uploaded by the student in the online application no later than **December 1, 2015, 11:59 PM Iraq time**.

LATE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MAY DISQUALIFY AN APPLICATION!

To be completed by the applicant:

Last Name, First Name (As it appears on passport)

Passport Number

Date of Birth (Month/ Day/ Year)

Email Address

To be completed by the individual providing the reference:

Full Name

Job Title

Place of Employment

Relationship to student

Email Address

Phone Number

Content: Please provide a candid evaluation of the student and your assessment of his or her ability to participate on an educational exchange program in the United States. Please address the following in your reference:

- A.** How long you have known the student and in what capacity?
- B.** Is the student academically suitable for study in the United States?
- C.** Please discuss the student's personal suitability for living abroad: maturity, adaptability, and interpersonal skills with his/her peers.
- D.** How do you believe this experience abroad will benefit the student, both academically and personally?
- E.** What are the student's strengths and weaknesses?
- F.** If known, please indicate the student's English-speaking abilities.

Referee's Signature: _____ Date: _____