



Reference Form for Scholarship Program

TO THE REFEREE:

The purpose of the Nova Scotia Talent Trust is to provide financial assistance to Nova Scotians who demonstrate exceptional potential and commitment to become established artists in their chosen fields. Your honest and thoughtful assessment of the applicant will assist the Scholarship Selection Committee in its effort to identify applicants who merit the Trust's support.

Without this Reference Form, the associated application will not be complete and the applicant's request will not be considered. Reference Forms must reach the Nova Scotia Talent Trust office by the deadline date or be postmarked no later than the deadline date (April 15 or June 1, depending on the study period for which support has been requested).

Applicants have been instructed to give their referees a copy of Page 2 of their completed application form, which contains specific information regarding their proposed program of study.

References from peers and family members will **not** be accepted.

Be sure you know to which deadline the applicant is applying: **April 15 or June 1**. Applicants applying to both the April 15 and June 1 deadlines may use the same completed references for both deadlines; however, **referees must speak to each of the applicants' proposed programs of study for both summer and fall.**

This form becomes the confidential property of the Nova Scotia Talent Trust.

Please send your completed form to:

Nova Scotia Talent Trust
P.O. Box 575
Halifax NS B3J 2R7

Completed forms may be faxed to the Trust at (902) 425-7364.

For further information, please contact the Nova Scotia Talent Trust via email at:

scholarship@nstalenttrust.ns.ca

ANSWERS TO THE ATTACHED QUESTIONS ARE MANDATORY. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Referee: _____

Referee's Title: _____

Number of years you have known the Applicant: _____

On a separate page:

1. Please state in what association you have known the applicant.
2. Please describe the applicant's current strengths in her/his artistic discipline.
3. Please describe what the applicant is doing to address her/his current weaknesses or areas of concern in her/his artistic discipline.
4. Please comment on the applicant's commitment to her/his artistic discipline.
5. How will the proposed program of study contribute to the applicant's artistic development? If the applicant is applying to both the April 15 and June 1 deadlines you **must** comment on the proposed programs of study for both summer **and** fall.
6. Please add any other comments you wish to make.

Please circle the appropriate ranking:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Above Average</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Not Suitable/Unsatisfactory</u>
a) Potential to become an established artist in her/his field	A	B	C	D
b) Commitment & interest	A	B	C	D
c) Suitability for program of study	A	B	C	D
For those who have taught the applicant:				
d) Progress in studies	A	B	C	D
e) Standing or rank in your class	A	B	C	D

Signed _____ Date _____