



Sea Education Association

# SEA SEMESTER® & SEA SUMMER SESSION Reference Form

## TO THE APPLICANT

Please submit two academic references, at least one of which is from an instructor (i.e. professor, academic advisor) who has taught you within the past year. We also welcome additional references (i.e. academic, personal, etc.) although they are not required.

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights of Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right to review your educational records. The Act further provides that you may waive your right to see references for admission. Please indicate your preference below:

- I request the right of access to this form.
- I waive any right of access that I may have to this reference form.

Applicant's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I have applied to:  SEA Semester (12 weeks/17 credit hours)  SEA Summer Session (8 weeks/12 credit hours)

## TO THE REFERENCE

The person named here has applied to a SEA Semester® program. This is a rigorous academic program structured to develop a comprehensive understanding of our oceans; it is designed to be a regular part of the general undergraduate education of college students.

The first half of the program is an intensive study component conducted on our campus in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, during which students engage in an interdisciplinary ocean studies curriculum (specific courses vary by academic semester). The second half of the program combines academic instruction with practical field experience at sea on board one of Sea Education Association's research sailing vessels.

The applicant need not have had experience as a scientist or a sailor, but must be academically prepared to handle a semester of work in 12 weeks, and mature and stable enough to live and work productively in a rigorous theoretical and practical learning situation. Physically, the student will experience occasional discomfort and fatigue; socially s/he must be able to get along with others from varying backgrounds; emotionally s/he must be willing to accept the discipline necessary for the effective operation of a 134' sailing vessel with a group of 35 persons on the open ocean. Your thoughtful responses to the questions below will be most helpful.

**Visit [www.sea.edu](http://www.sea.edu) for more information.**

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

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe the applicant as a student: effort vs. ability. Are grades an accurate summary of performance?

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2. What are the applicant's strengths, weaknesses, enthusiasms, and dislikes?

3. Has the applicant demonstrated the ability to comply with discipline, authority, and structure? (necessary at sea)  
Describe/explain/qualify.

4. Has the applicant demonstrated maturity and tolerance in relationships with others?

5. Is the applicant the kind of person you would like to live/study/work with under the conditions described? Would you foresee any problems? If so, what?

6. Is there any other information we ought to have?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like information about SEA Semester?  Yes  No

(If yes, Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return completed form to:**

SEA Office of Admission  
P.O. Box 6  
Woods Hole, MA 02543

or fax the form to  
508-540-0558

Please contact us with any questions at 800-552-3633 x770 or [admission@sea.edu](mailto:admission@sea.edu).