
Applicant Name



ATS Reference,

You have been asked to complete the attached ATS Reference Statement Form for an A Thousand Summers (ATS) funded Campership applicant. ATS serves youth from families whose financial circumstances would mean that a high quality residential camp experience would be unattainable without external financial support. We are seeking youth who can contribute in positive ways to the camp community and would thrive from the opportunity to develop leadership skills, self-confidence, determination and respect for others and nature.

Wilderness summer camp programs require physical activity and average four weeks in duration. Campers live in groups with college age counselors. They may take 3 to 5 day trips away from camp to the adjacent wilderness. Programs may include horseback riding, high altitude mountain hiking, backpacking, outcamping, technical climbing, river rafting, sports, wood-working and crafts.

ATS requests your assistance in making sure that both the applicant and their fellow campers would be well served by the applicant's participation in this type of program by completing the attached Reference Statement Form. Thank you in advance for your comments and for assisting us in ensuring a quality experience for each participant.

ATS Reference Statement Form should be completed and faxed back to JACF within 10 days.

FORM RETURN INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete the attached 2-page Reference Statement Form.
2. Fax completed forms to 1-877-891-5223 or email to applications@cheleyfoundation.org.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Please state how long, under what circumstances, and in what capacity you have known the applicant.

Respond to the questions below considering the applicant's current ability as well as potential toward or openness to each topic.

1. How does the applicant react to exploring new places and learning new things?
2. What amount of time has the applicant spent away from home? What is his/her comfort level with spending up to four weeks in an outdoor setting?
3. Explain the applicant's ability to make new friends and how he/she maintains existing friendships.
4. Describe how the applicant relates in groups of his/her peers. What role does he/she take and why? (Example: leader, peacemaker, listener, distracter, etc.)
5. In day-to-day activities, how much independence is the applicant allowed in solving his/her own problems?
6. Consider a challenging problem the applicant needed to work out. Explain the situation, why it was difficult and the steps taken to bring it to resolution.
7. When the applicant makes mistakes, how does he/she resolve those situations?
8. Please detail any concerns (medical, mental, behavioral, physical, etc.) for which consideration should be taken to ensure that the applicant can have full access to the camp experience.

Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree 5	Agree 4	No Opinion or Uncertain 3	Disagree 2	Strongly Disagree 1
<i>The applicant displays the ability, potential or openness to...</i>					
<i>be a good friend.</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>work well in a group.</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>respect peers and adults.</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>be confident in problem solving.</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>make independent decisions.</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>be successful at desired pursuits.</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>take responsibility for their actions.</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>be curious and eager to learn new things.</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<i>enjoy nature.</i>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____ +	_____ +	_____ +	_____ +	_____ =

GRAND TOTAL _____

8. Please state *IF* you recommend the applicant attend camp and *WHY*: _____

7. Additional Comments: _____

Reference Name (Please Print) _____

Reference Signature: _____

Primary Phone Number _____

Primary email address _____

*Please supply contact information where you can be reached year around.