



Letter of Recommendation for the Beatrice S. Demers Foreign Language Fellows Program

You have been asked by an applicant for the Beatrice S. Demers Foreign Language Fellowship Program to provide a letter of recommendation. The Demers Fellows Program is designed to support applications from a wide range of individuals. Applicants can be undergraduate students, graduate students, professors, educators or other residents of Rhode Island. Successful applicants will all share one thing: a passion for developing fluency in another language.

We ask you to address the following in your letter:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. Please comment on the applicant's academic, linguistic, and personal preparation for the study abroad program, especially as it relates to the pursuit of foreign language fluency. If possible, please comment on the applicant's motivation, aptitude and dedication to foreign language fluency, as well as his or her academic pursuits, personal and career interests.
3. Your familiarity with the program the applicant is seeking funding support for through the fellowship (e.g., rigor, suitability to applicant's interest and ability).
4. Please add any additional observations or comments that you think would be relevant to the applicant and would assist in the review process.

Please send your letter of recommendation as an e-mail attachment to Demers@RIFoundation.org and **include the applicant's name and your name in the subject line** (e.g. "*Jane Doe Letter of Recommendation for John Smith*"). Please do not send the letter to a different e-mail address or send paper copies. **The deadline to receive your letter of recommendation is noon (EST) on January 13, 2017**, the same day and time that applications are due to be submitted by applicants. Applications that we receive that do not have two corresponding letters of recommendation will not be considered.

Thank you for your efforts in providing a letter of recommendation to the applicant of the Beatrice S. Demers Foreign Language Fellowship Program.