2016 Sorensen Fellowship
Recommender’s Instructions

(Applicant: Please give this page to your recommender well ahead of the deadline. We suggest that you also give him/her a copy of your essay.)

Brief summary of program
The Sorensen Fellowship is designed to give students an opportunity to study issues of social justice and contribute to constructive social change in an international context. Students participate in a three-part experience:

- Spring: Take a course of the student’s choosing as academic preparation for his/her internship.
- Summer: Intern in the organization of the student’s choice anywhere in the world (including the USA). The internship will tackle issues of international import such as coexistence, human rights, international law, hunger relief, gender equity, development, education, global health, AIDS prevention, refugee assistance, etc.
- Fall: Take PAX 89 course with the other Fellows to reflect on and write about the internship experience.

Sorensen Fellows must be sophomores or juniors in the fall of 2015. Students from any major are eligible. We are pleased to consider applications from those who have previously applied.

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In your recommendation, please indicate how you know the applicant and provide an evaluation of his/her work and academic potential. We are looking for people who can adapt to new living and working environments, who are flexible, willing to learn and work hard, and respectful of people of other cultures and backgrounds. We are particularly looking for mature students who can prioritize effectively and follow through with commitments.

Please discuss your perceptions of the student. Both concrete examples and general impressions/evaluations are useful to the selection committee. The student should have provided you with his/her essay. Starting in 2016, students will now apply with three possible internships in mind but are not required to contact the organizations before being selected as a Sorensen Fellow. Upon being accepted, we will help them narrow down the possibilities to one. Please comment on the proposed internships and evaluate the student’s potential to accomplish it. Recommendations should include the applicant’s name and your name on each page.

Your recommendation should be returned to the applicant in a sealed and signed envelope, to be submitted by the student as part of a complete application package. In an effort to help students take responsibility for getting the pieces of their application in on time, recommendations will not be accepted by email, except for students studying abroad. Students are instructed to approach recommenders with ample time for the recommendation to be written and picked up by the student before the deadline. The deadline for students to submit their completed applications to the Ethics Center office is 5 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2015. Recommendations received after the deadline will not be opened.

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