



Ontario
Professional
Foresters
Association

CHARACTER WITNESS FORM

An applicant applying for membership with the OPFA has asked that you provide a character reference.

You may provide a character reference if you are not related to the applicant and are:

- 1) a practicing member of the OPFA in good standing, or a member of another regulated profession in Canada, who has known the applicant for at least 6 months and can attest to their character (at least one of the two required character witnesses must fit into this category) or;
- 2) not a member of the OPFA but have known the applicant for at least 2 years and can attest to their character.

Please be fair and honest when answering the questions on this form. Complete all questions on this form and include your signature and the date. **Return the completed form to the OPFA office by email (opfa@opfa.ca) or by regular mail.** The information provided in this form is strictly confidential and for OPFA use only during the application process.

Pursuant to Section 19 (2)(b) of the *Professional Foresters Act 2000*, the Registration Committee shall instruct the Registrar not to issue a certificate of registration where, in the opinion of the Committee the past conduct of the applicant affords reasonable grounds for believing that the applicant will not engage in the practice of professional forestry with honesty and integrity or in accordance with the law.

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name:

Last Name

First Name

To be Completed by Character Witness

Name:

Last Name

First Name

Prof. Assoc., Member # (if appl.)

Job Title:

Employer / Company Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Certification

1. I have known the applicant for a period of: Months Years

I have known or been associated with the applicant as his/her:

Supervisor Colleague Other (explain):

2. I believe the applicant to be of good character and know of no reason that would suggest otherwise.

Yes No (explain)

3. I am aware / not aware (tick one) that the applicant has been subject to any criminal convictions or any civil indictable offenses or current charges that relate to the practice of professional forestry. (If aware please provide the nature of the offense(s)):

4. Do you consider the applicant to be suitable for eventual registration as a Registered Professional Forester? Yes No Acceptable with Reservation

If you answered **No** or **Acceptable with Reservation** above, please provide a brief but candid explanation (attach additional sheets if necessary):

I recognize that under the *Professional Foresters Act 2000* a person commits an offence if he/she applies for membership by a false or fraudulent representation and that a person commits an offence who knowingly assists another person to apply for membership by false or fraudulent representation. I therefore certify that the information provided in this form is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Witness:

Date: