



Personal Recommendation

Student Name: _____

This personal reference should be completed by a teacher, learning consultant, tutor, coach, music/art/drama instructor, mentor or other person familiar with the student's learning, and isn't a relative. The purpose of this recommendation form is to help our

admissions team determine if this student is a suitable candidate for the Cortes Island Academy's semester program. Whatever insights you can provide will be greatly appreciated. The completed application will only be seen by the application jury.

Type or print the student's first and last name in the space above. Upon completion of this form, please send it directly to the CIA Admissions team **by March 23, 2025.** (The student's application won't be considered complete until this recommendation is received, so please don't forget!)

Submit by email as PDF to: apply@cortesislandacademy.ca

Or, use this template and send your own letter to: apply@cortesislandacademy.ca

Questions? Reach out to info@cortesislandacademy.ca. To learn more visit www.cortesislandacademy.ca

If you are unfamiliar with the Cortes Island Academy, please read the following before completing this application: Cortes Island Academy is a dynamic, semester-based program designed for students who are looking to expand their educational experience beyond the classroom and into practice as they explore the complexities of our relationship with the natural environment through experiential and project-based learning. Cortes Island is both campus and curriculum where thought leaders and local knowledge holders teach in one of the most ecologically sound and diverse places in the world. Cortes Island is also home to local organizations that work towards a healthy balance between ecological and human communities. School days require physical and mental strength: participating in kayaking, hiking, scientific inquiry, journalistic productions, and working with local and world-renowned knowledge holders. For students that don't live on Cortes Island, participating in the CIA means living away from home, often in a group living situation, and in a remote island community with no hospital or routine mental health support, and no public transportation. Students who will do well in the CIA are independent, emotionally mature, and capable of

living (and working) semi-independently. Ideal candidates are also curious, concerned about equity and ecology, and ready to learn "out-of-the-box."

Your Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

1. Please describe your relationship with the applicant (how long have you known the applicant, in what capacity, etc.):

2. How would you describe the applicants learning style? (How they learn best or what doesn't work?)

3. Describe the progress or growth that you have witnessed in the student.

4. Explain a situation where you have witness the applicant overcome adversity.

5. What makes the applicant unique?

6. If your had a child who was attending the CIA, would you want this student to be your child's roommate? *Explain.*

7. Compared to all adolescents you have worked with please rate this student in the following areas:

	Outstanding	Good	Average	Poor
Potential				
Achievement				
Resilience				
Integrity				
Determination				
Humour				
Humility				
Teamwork				
Maturity				
Leadership				

8. Is there anything else we should know about the student?



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