

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP (FLAS) *Letter of Recommendation—Academic Year 2009–2010*

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, first, middle)

Graduate department or group: \_\_\_\_\_

World area and language: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT:** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 gives students the right to inspect letters of recommendation written in support of applications for admission, fellowship, or academic employment. The law also permits students to waive that right if they choose, although such a waiver must be voluntary and cannot be a condition of admission, award, or employment. **If you do wish to waive your right to examine this letter of recommendation, please sign below.**

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDER:** The person named above is applying for a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. What are your personal impressions of the candidate's intellectual ability, ability in research, or professional skill? Please comment on his or her character, quality of previous work, and promise of productive scholarship. Your assessment of the applicant's need in his/her research for the language and the level of the language for which the applicant is applying will be appreciated. You may attach another sheet if necessary.

Please rate this applicant in overall promise (check one).	<input type="checkbox"/> Below average	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat above average	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Superior	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Truly exceptional	<input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate opportunity to observe
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Please complete, if applicable:  Best student this year.  Best student in five years.  Best student in 10 years.  Best student in \_\_\_\_ years.

Name of recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of recommender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please forward this recommendation directly to the student (in a sealed and signed envelope) to submit with the FLAS fellowship application. The fellowship application deadline is Monday, January 26, 2009.**