



## MEXICAN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS • STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

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### Academic or Activist Reference Form

**Applicant:** Please complete the top half of this form and ask an academic or activist reference who knows you well to complete the bottom half. Please submit two reference forms with your application. Please ask your references to submit completed forms to [msn@mexicosolidarity.org](mailto:msn@mexicosolidarity.org).

#### Applicant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for (program dates): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Reference

The Mexico Solidarity Network Study Abroad program is a 14-week (during the spring or fall semester) or 4, 6, or 8-week (depending on the particular summer program) interdisciplinary course of study based in Mexico. Depending on the semester, the program may visit all or some of the following states: Chiapas, Tlaxcala, and the Federal District. The program is focused on the investigation of popular social movements. Students will experience collective living situations, often in conditions to which they may not be accustomed. To succeed, the applicant must be flexible, open to new experiences and self-motivated. We appreciate your frank and honest appraisal of the applicant. We accept applicants into the program on a first come, first serve basis and class capacity is often filled before deadline dates. We encourage you to complete this reference as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Mexico Solidarity Network at [MSN@MexicoSolidarity.org](mailto:MSN@MexicoSolidarity.org) or 773-583-7728.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or Institution: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Please answer the following questions in the space below (the form is a fillable .pdf):**

What are the applicant's strengths and weaknesses in the context of a study abroad program? Please evaluate the applicant's Spanish language skills. Is the applicant flexible? Self-motivated? Inquisitive? Does the applicant demonstrate good judgment and common sense? How does the applicant deal with uncomfortable or unusual situations? Please evaluate the applicant's work in community, grassroots, university and/or social groups.

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