TO: Guidance Counselor or Assistant Principal

FROM: James G. Daugherty, Director
Cannon Music Camp
Appalachian State University

RE: Confirmation of Academic Standing and Character Reference

Cannon Music Camp, at the Hayes School of Music, is a three-week comprehensive summer music experience held on the campus of Appalachian State University.

During this month, each student has the opportunity to explore music and music performance at the college preparatory level. As one of approximately 200 campers, each student follows an intense daily schedule of classroom, ensemble, and individual instruction while interacting with other students whose interests and talents are similar. In addition to a structured curriculum, the students have the opportunity to interact with each other as they live in the same residence hall and participate in group dining, social, and recreational activities.

Cannon Music Camp seeks to accept those students who have a strong sense of character and citizenship, along with superlative scholastic and musical achievements. The camp does not wish to admit the student who is unable to act responsibly, follow directions, or accept constructive criticism. We are not looking for a student who “strikes out on their own” or creates his or her independence from a structured program. While this is a camp experience and the students enrolled are learning, developing, and maturing in both life and experience, we are looking for the student who can contribute to and benefit from a program such as ours. With this in mind, please complete the enclosed questionnaire.

I am seeking confirmation that this student in “good standing” at your school or to gain knowledge to the contrary, should that be the case. The student and his or her parents are aware that an administrator is being contacted to ascertain this information and that acceptance to Cannon Music Camp is conditionally based upon the substance of your response. I appreciate your time and your candor in your support of the prospective Cannon Music Camper.

Sincerely,

James G. Daugherty
Director, Cannon Music Camp

Please submit your recommendation on PAGE 2 of this letter to our Camp office
1. ______________________________________________ is currently in _______ at your school ___Yes ___No
   Student Name                          Current Grade

2. Has this student been referred to the administration for disciplinary action?   _____Yes _____No
   If yes, please elaborate. ____________________________________________________________
                                                                                         

3. Has this student been referred to as a disruptive or “problem” student in any class or
   Extracurricular activity?   _____Yes _____No
   If yes, please elaborate. ____________________________________________________________
                                                                                         

4. To the best of your knowledge, is this student responsible and punctual as he/she   _____Yes _____No
   Follows his/her daily schedule? Has there been a history of attendance problem? _____Yes _____No

5. In your judgment, is this applicant a responsible student?   _____Yes _____No
   If no, please elaborate. ____________________________________________________________
                                                                                         

6. In your opinion, can this student successfully interact with approximately 200 additional
   Students in a structured environment? Are the interpersonal skills satisfactory?   _____Yes _____No
   If no, please elaborate. ____________________________________________________________
                                                                                         

7. Is this student enrolled in an appropriate music class?  _____Yes _____No
   If you know, please indicate what instrument this student plays? _______________________

8. If you have knowledge of this student’s musical abilities, please evaluate them by indicating a number
   with 10 being the best. _____________________________________________

9. Additional Comments_______________________________________________________________
                                                                                         

10. I recommend this student:
    _____With highest regards
    _____With no reservation
    _____With reservation
    _____Strong reservations
    _____Not at all

Name: ____________________________________________
Title: ____________________________________________
School: __________________________________________
E-Mail: __________________________________________
Phone #: _________________________________________
Date: ____________________________________________

School Counselor or Asst. Principal: Please return the confidential questionnaire in one of three ways to:

Cannon Music Camp
1. Fax 828-262-3021 with school cover sheet
2. Mail to Cannon Music Camp -ASU Box 32031 - Boone, North Carolina 28608
3. OR by e-mail to Greg Snodgrass, camp administrator, at cannonmusiccamp@appstate.edu