Applicant’s name: ________________________________________________________________

The above named individual is applying for admission to the REAL Certificate of Arcadia University. This program is designed for students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus and require a strong system of supports. These students are highly motivated young adults who have received extensive educational services in high school and would likely have considerable difficulty succeeding in a traditional college degree program. In the program, students audit undergraduate college courses and participate in inclusive vocational and social experiences. Students have the option to live on campus or commute daily.

Students should have a strong desire to become an independent adult and must possess emotional stability and maturity to participate successfully in this program. With the above information in mind, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability and with accurate descriptions of the student's current ability levels. Attach additional pages as needed.

Please email this reference to real@arcadia.edu or return this form by mail to:

The REAL Certificate of Arcadia University
School of Education
450 S. Easton Rd.
Glenside, PA 19038

Thank you for your assistance in this matter!

Reference’s Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Title: _________________________________________________________________________

School: ________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ Email address: _________________________
1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Please describe why you feel the applicant would benefit from a post-secondary educational experience.

3. Please describe the applicant’s strengths and challenges that will make her/him a strong candidate for this program.

4. Please describe the applicant’s ability to find his or her way around a new environment such as Arcadia University independently.
5. Please describe the applicant's ability to function independently in a college classroom and on campus.

6. How does the applicant adjust to new situations? (Provide an example.)

7. Please include any additional information that would help us in planning a post-secondary experience for this applicant.