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Earthwatch Student Challenge – Reference Letter

Teacher details:	First and surname Contact phone number and email
Principal details:	First and surname Contact phone number and email
Addressed to:	Earthwatch Student Challenge Team
Email subject:	[Reference Letter – Student’s full name – Teacher’s full name]
Important information:	<p>The student providing this request has applied for a fully-funded scholarship to travel on an Earthwatch Student Challenge expedition. A requirement of the application process is for teachers to provide a reference letter.</p> <p>For more information on the specific Student Challenge expedition the student is participating in, please confirm the name of the expedition with the student and find it on our website at www.earthwatch.org.au</p> <p>Please complete and return your reference letter as an email attachment to education.programs@earthwatch.org.au in no later than 5 business days after receiving this request.</p> <p>This letter must be formatted using your educational institution’s formal letterhead, signed and dated. This ensures the legitimacy of the reference letter in assessing students that are applying for Student Challenge expedition scholarships.</p>
Key points to consider in your response:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How long have you known the student, and what is their level of participation in environment, science and community activities, projects and initiatives? 2. Describe a situation where the student displayed an interest in environmental science related topics during classroom, school and/or community-based activities? 3. What benefits do you believe a placement in this program will have on the student’s future academic and professional career? 4. Explain how the student shows teamwork through their actions in class and around school and give examples of how they help their peers succeed. Is the student inclusive and collaborative? 5. Can you provide any additional comments to support this student receiving a place on the Earthwatch Student Challenge Team? We are particularly interested in any real-life application of what is learned and experienced during a Student Challenge, and the impact/reach the student can achieve in relation to communicating knowledge and concepts, implementing field skills, building community resilience and inspiring others to save the natural world.