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TEFL Certification Scholarship Questionnaire

Dear Applicant

As part of your application for the TEFL CERTIFICATION Scholarship, please answer the following questions. Keep in mind individuals choose to get TEFL certified for both local and overseas teaching opportunities, but the majority of individuals choose to get TEFL certified to go abroad and teach. This questionnaire is addressing both teaching situations, but more heavily weighted to teaching abroad.

1. Have you ever lived abroad or spent time in a non-English speaking country?

a. NO

b. If YES, how long and what challenges did you face? How did you deal with them?

2. Living and working abroad is a different than vacationing. It can be a hugely rewarding experience, but it is also more stressful, especially at the beginning when new arrivals are just finding their feet. What have you been doing to help prepare yourself so that you don't end up with a bunch of unfulfilled expectations?

HEALTH MATTERS: It is important to think about and plan for an array of health matters.

a. **EMOTIONAL:** If you have just gone through a major emotional event in your life, is now the time for you to venture away from all that is familiar and stable in your life? Are your friends and family supportive of your decision to go overseas? On a scale of 0-10, how ready are you emotionally?

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b. **PHYSICAL:** Teaching in English is usually active to engage your students. It is fun and effective, but it also requires a great deal of energy and mobility. How ready are you physically?

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c. **MENTAL:** If you have had counseling before or are getting counseling now, you need to really be honest with yourself in deciding if a more stressful environment overseas is right for you at this point in your life. Counseling and other mental health services are not always readily available overseas. On a scale of 0-10, how ready are you mentally?

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d. **SOCIAL:** About 80% of overseas English teachers are between 25-35 and tend to be very social. Couple this with being away from home; it is not unusual for workmates to become an important part of your social network. This is different than most work situations in our home countries where we

have more of a work/personal life divide. Generally, most successful teachers, both in and out of the classroom are those more socially active in the workplace. Does this sound like you? How ready are you socially?

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3. Have you ever learned a new language? How can this help you understand your students' needs when teaching them?

4. There are lots of English teaching opportunities all over the world, which country appeals to you and why? (Circle as many as applicable and feel free to add any additional detail.)

a. Country(ies):

b. Why?

- i. Friends
- ii. Family
- iii. Language study
- iv. Familiarity (been there before)
- v. Martial Arts
- vi. Location for travel
- vii. Culture
- viii. Recommendation

5. Setting goals is really important for getting the most out of an experience. What sort of goals do you have that you would like to achieve with your newly acquired English teaching skills?

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship and for taking the time to fill out the questionnaire.