**TO THE APPLICANT:**

Under the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you will have the right, once enrolled in the UM Chinese Summer in Shanghai program, to review your educational records. The Act also provides that you may waive your right to see the recommendations for admission. Your signature below indicates your intention to waive your right of access to the following form (next page), entitled, “U of MS Project GO Commanding Officer Reference for Summer of 2015”.

Applicant’s Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT: Give your signed copy of this page to your commander** to submit via scan along with the recommendation form (next page). Since the recommendation form allows the commander to input information electronically, do NOT simply give the commander a print-out of the form below. If you email this form as an attachment, your commander could access this form by clicking on the following URL: <https://web6.olemiss.edu/chinese/projectgo/applications/goapplicationpart1recommendationletters.php>

**Project GO Commanding Officer Reference Instructions**

**Adapted for the U of MS Summer in Shanghai Program**

In order to participate in Project Global Officer (Project GO), ROTC students are required to have their commanding officer submit a letter of recommendation on their behalf. Below is an explanation of Project GO; after reading through this description please continue to the second page where you will be asked to complete information regarding the student applicant.

Project GO, an initiative of the Defense Language and National Security Education Office and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE), provides fully funded scholarships to students commissioning through Air Force, Army and Navy ROTC to study critical languages domestically and abroad. The goal of Project GO is to develop future military officers who possess the cross-cultural communication skills required for effective leadership in the 21st century operational environment.

Since 2007, Project GO has awarded scholarships to approximately 3,000 ROTC students from 185 different U.S. institutions to study the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu, Uzbek and Wolof.

For more information, please go to <http://www.rotcprojectgo.org/>. Please direct any questions to the IIE Project GO staff at rotc@iie.org.

**Submission Instructions:**

1. **Download the “U of MS Project GO Commanding Officer Reference for Summer of 2016” form (next page).**
2. **Fill out the digital form elements before printing.**
3. **Use as much space as necessary to answer the questions, even if the form becomes more than 1 page in length**
4. **Print out and sign the form**
5. **Scan and email the form, *and* the student’s signed copy of this page, to** **gochinese@olemiss.edu**

**U of MS Project GO Commanding Officer Reference for Summer of 2016**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Student name Click here to enter text.

Enrolled in a degree seeking program at the following institution Click here to enter text.

I affirm that the student:

([ ] Will /[ ] Will not) commission through ROTC

([ ] Is contracted / [ ] Is not contracted)

If the student is not contracted, please explain Click here to enter text.

([ ] Not in National Guard / [ ] Drilling Nat’l Guard/Reservist / [ ] Non-drilling Nat’l Guard/Reservist)

 If cadets are unable to change their status to non-drilling during the summer dates, they are only eligible for domestic Project Go programs.

([ ] Will /[ ] Will not) have potentially conflicting military obligations during the dates of this summer program.

([ ] Will /[ ] Will not) be enrolled in an ROTC program during his or her participation in Project GO

**REFERENCE**

Please describe the applicant’s leadership skills, with reference to abilities demonstrated in leadership lab or other areas. Click here to enter text.

Please describe the applicant’s character in terms of having the maturity and cultural sensitivity to attend an overseas program. Click here to enter text.

Based on your understanding of Project GO, explained on the previous page, please describe the applicant’s potential to fulfill the goals of this program. Click here to enter text.

Any additional comments: Click here to enter text.

Please provide the following information about yourself

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| Name Click here to enter text. | Email Click here to enter text. |
| Title Click here to enter text. | Phone Click here to enter text. |
| Institution Click here to enter text. | I have known the applicant for Click here to enter text. |

**POINT OF CONTACT**

I ([ ] Will / [ ] Will not) be available this summer during the program dates to serve as a contact if necessary (for reporting major issues concerning your student’s behavior, health, etc.)

If you CANNOT be the point of contact please provide an alternate below (otherwise leave blank):

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| Name Click here to enter text. | Email Click here to enter text. |
| Title Click here to enter text. | Phone Click here to enter text. |

**STATEMENT OF CHARACTER REFERENCE/RECOMMENDATION**

In my opinion, the applicant named on this form exhibits the character, integrity and skills necessary to be successful in the Project GO language study scholarship. I hereby recommend and support this applicant for a Project GO scholarship.

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Signature Date