

SanPietro Travel Prize Reference Form

Application Deadline March 10, 2026

References must email their recommendation forms and letters by the deadline directly to: SAreferences@caltech.edu



*** This section to be completed by student ***

Name of Applicant: _____ **Option:** _____

☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Proposed country/countries of travel: _____

(Students should provide the peer reference writer with a description of their proposal.)

☐ **This is a CONFIDENTIAL evaluation. I hereby waive my access to this evaluation as per the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.**

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This reference will be helpful in evaluating the applicant's qualifications for the SanPietro Travel Prize. It should preferably be completed by a Caltech faculty member who can comment on the applicant's academic and personal qualifications for this prize. Students participating in this program will travel for fun and personal growth for 2 weeks to 3 months during the summer.

Craig SanPietro, Caltech class of 1969, generously endowed a summer travel prize open to rising juniors, seniors and continuing and graduating seniors. Travel provided Mr. SanPietro with a new perspective and allowed him to broaden his horizons. In his words, *"Since leaving Caltech in 1969, I have traveled through almost 40 countries, mostly in the third world. This travel has greatly enriched my life and I want to make similar experiences available to Caltech students. Exotic travel is giving oneself the opportunity to be in cultural and physical situations so different from what one is accustomed to that one is mentally challenged and feels more alive than usual."* It is in this spirit that he wishes to share this opportunity with Caltech students.

Name of the reference writer: _____

1) How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

2) In an attached letter of reference (signed and on letterhead), please make any further comments that will complete the picture on the applicant's qualifications for the SanPietro Travel Prize. Please mention weak as well as strong points.

(please see next page)

3) In the rating below please check the box that best indicates your opinion of the applicant's qualifications. Please compare the applicant with other Caltech undergraduates at a comparable level of education.

	Exceptional	Outstanding	Unusual	Good	Above Average	Average or below	Unable to observe
Ability to get things done independently							
Adaptability to new situations							
Responsibility and good judgment							
Impression applicant will make abroad							
Originality & imagination							
Follow-through and organization							
Reliability							
Ability to take full advantage of this experience							

4) From my knowledge of this applicant, I am willing to give my:

☐ **Full Endorsement**

☐ **Qualified Endorsement**

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Department/Division _____

Title /Position _____

University (if not Caltech) _____