



NORTHWEST NAZARENE
UNIVERSITY

Graduate Social Work Program
623 S. University Blvd
Nampa, ID 83686-5897

REFERENCE

Name of Applicant _____
(Please print)

Name of Evaluator _____
(Please print)

Position/Title _____
(Please print)

To the Applicant:

This recommendation will become part of your file. It will be used only for admissions consideration and will not be disclosed to any unauthorized individual without your consent. If you matriculate at Northwest Nazarene University, you will be accorded access to its contents unless you voluntarily waive your right of access. Please check one of the boxes and sign the statement below.

I have read the information above and I hereby

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my right of access to this document should I matriculate at Northwest Nazarene University.

Signature _____ Date _____

All references should come from professional persons; e.g., former professors, co-workers, professional associates, etc.

To the Evaluator:

Under the 1974 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, the applicant named above will have access to this recommendation unless he or she has waived that right.

The person named above is applying for admission to our University as a candidate for the degree of Master of Social Work. This involves not only an intensive program of graduate study but also commitment to a professional career of serious responsibility. You have been selected by the applicant as someone who can be helpful to us in evaluating his or her qualifications and readiness to enter a graduate school.

Sound intelligence and the ability to think clearly and to communicate effectively are vital qualifications. Equally important are basic friendliness and security of personality, exemplified in good relationships with others. Emotional maturity and stability appropriate to the applicant's age are essential. Motivation to enter the field of social work should include an awareness of social issues as well as a deep concern for people.

Although people continue to grow and mature, a person who enters a professional school of social work without a good degree of readiness in all these areas risks failure and, at best, is likely to have a difficult and painful experience. Therefore, you can best help the applicant by being frank about his or her limitations as well as strengths. We ask you to answer the questions on the form as fully as possible; additional observations by letter are most welcome. **In order to facilitate an applicant's opportunity for admission, please return this form as soon as possible to the Graduate Social Work Program, Northwest Nazarene University, 623 S University Blvd, Nampa, ID 83686-5897.** Please sign your name across the flap of the envelope.

Thank you very much for your assistance.



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EVALUATION

Name of Applicant _____

Please respond to the following items:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

2. Please rate the applicant relative to other students or employees whom you have known in the same field in recent years.

Table with 5 columns: Outstanding, Good, Average, Below Avg, Not Observed. Rows include Personality Characteristics such as Level of maturity, Self-awareness, Self-discipline, Sensitivity to others, Dependability, Character, Creativity, Accepts criticism, Physical stamina, and Ability to respect.

Intellectual/Academic

Table with 5 columns: Outstanding, Good, Average, Below Avg, Not Observed. Rows include Conceptual ability, Spirit of inquiry, Intellectual capacity, Verbal communication, Written communication, and Ability to complete a graduate program in social work.

Professional

Table with 5 columns: Outstanding, Good, Average, Below Avg, Not Observed. Rows include Cooperation, Leadership ability, Professional use of self, Concern and commitment to social issues, and Ability to perform under pressure.

3. Please elaborate on any of the above ratings or add further comments which may be of help in our evaluation of this applicant. Include the applicant's major strengths and areas where strengthening is needed as a potential professional social worker.

In consideration of the overall qualifications, this individual is:

- Very highly recommended
- Recommended
- Recommended with reservation
- Not recommended

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Type of Reference: Professional Educational Personal

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance to the applicant.