



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Each recommendation must include the completed Reference Form as well as a separate letter from your recommender written and signed on academic or business letterhead. Recommendations should be requested from professors who are able to comment on your academic abilities for graduate study. They should not be requested from a non-academic person unless you have extensive work experience with that individual and/or you have been away from academic institutions for some time. Complete all sections below a deadline date on the reverse side. Deliver this form directly to the recommender, along with a stamped envelope addressed to the Graduate Studies Committee Chair to which you are applying and a self-addressed, stamped postcard for informing you when this Reference Form and the recommender's letter have been sent.

Name: _____
Last or Family Name/Surname First Middle Date of birth

Address: _____ Degree sought: _____

E-mail address: _____

OSU ID #, if known: _____ Major field of study: _____

List the name and address of the graduate program to which you are applying.

Graduate Studies Committee Chair
The Ohio State University

(graduate program) _____

(building) _____

(street) _____

Columbus, OH 43210 USA

If you have had contact with a faculty member at Ohio State regarding graduate study, please indicate the following:

Faculty contact's name _____ Department _____

Name: _____

Title: _____ Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX _____ E-mail: _____

IMPORTANT: At least one direct contact number must be supplied for purposes.

List the courses you have taken under the direction of this recommender:

Course Number	Course Title	When Taken	Grade

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-380), allows a candidate for admission, employment, or receipt of honors to waive his or her right to access to confidential letters or statements written on his or her behalf if the recommendation is used solely for the purposes of admission, employment, or the receipt of honors. Upon request, the university will delete the names of all persons making such recommendations on his or her behalf. The university does not require that you make such a waiver for admission or award of fellowship or associateship. However, under the legislation you have the option of signing such a waiver as follows:

I hereby waive my right to access to this recommendation and any appropriate attachments which have been written by _____ (insert name of recommender) on behalf of my application to the Graduate School, The Ohio State University, and for award of a fellowship or associateship, if applicable, effective insofar as the recommendation is used solely for the purpose of admission or award of fellowship or associateship, if applicable.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____

The applicant named below has applied for admission to the Graduate School of The Ohio State University. Please complete this Reference Form along with a separate letter written and signed on your academic or business letterhead stationery. Return both documents before the program application deadline of _____
If you did not had the applicant as a student, please adapt items 3–6 below, if applicable, and explain your knowledge and assessment of the applicant in your recommendation letter. If you know this student well, please feel free to say so.

Applicant's Last or Family Name/Surname

First

Middle

1. What is your relationship with the applicant? Teacher/Professor Employer/Supervisor Other _____

2. Do you know the applicant well enough to give him/her a recommendation? Yes No
(If you checked NO, you do not need to complete the rest of this form.)

3. SUMMARY EVALUATION

Compare the applicant with a representative group of students with similar experience and training to rate the applicant on general research and scholarly ability? (Check one.)

- outstanding (highest 5%—comparable to best students)
- very good (highest 10%)
- good (upper 25%—ability easy to identify)
- average (upper 50%)
- below average (lower 50%)

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

I would make the following recommendation for the applicant's admission to the program and degree listed on the front:

- strongly recommend
- recommend
- recommend with reservations
- do not recommend

I feel that the applicant is well qualified to serve as: (check all that apply)

- graduate teaching associate
- graduate research associate
- master's candidate
- doctoral candidate
- other

5. Some gifted individuals do not perform to their potential. Is the applicant's scholastic record, as you know it, an accurate index of his/her ability?

- Yes No Don't know

(If you checked NO, please explain why in your recommendation letter.)

6. RECOMMENDATION LETTER

- a. Use only clearly identified