Recommendation for Graduate Admission
Department of Human Development and Family Studies
Colorado State University

ENDORSER

Name
Title & Dept.
Institution
City & State

APPLICANT

Name

To ensure the confidentiality of this letter, I waive my rights under the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to inspect it. I understand that I may not refuse to waive these rights without prejudice to my application.

☐ I waive my rights
☐ I do not waive my rights

To the Applicant: Please request recommendation letters from at least one person who can evaluate your academic potential (i.e., a professor) and from at least one person who can discuss your professional skills (i.e., in a volunteer or work-related setting). Submit at least three letters of recommendation.

To the endorser: The person named above has applied for admission to the graduate program in Human Development and Family Studies. Your frank appraisal of this student will help us to judge his/her potential for graduate study. The application deadline for this program is January 2

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

How well do you know the applicant? ☐ Slightly ☐ Moderately Well ☐ Very Well

Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students you have known. With what reference group are you making comparisons?

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How would you rate the applicant's probability of success in graduate school?

☐ Doctoral potential ☐ Little potential for graduate school
☐ Good probability of Master's, may end there ☐ Unable to answer
☐ About 50/50 chance of Master's

Do you know of any special circumstances that should be considered by the admissions committee or that should be taken into account in planning for the student's graduate work? Please explain...

Some gifted individuals achieve marginal scholastic records. In your opinion, is the applicant's record, as you know it, an accurate index of his/her scholastic abilities?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Do Not Know
If your answer is no, please explain briefly.

Unless you have addressed the areas below in a separate letter, please comment briefly on each of the following:

Please list any special qualities or skills that you believe make this individual a viable candidate for graduate school.

What are the applicant's primary strengths? In what area(s) does the applicant need further development? If possible, please describe instances or accomplishments that demonstrate them.

Please comment on the applicant's competency in his/her area of specialization.

Please return this completed form and any other supporting material to:

Graduate Program Chair
Department of Human Development and Family Studies
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1570

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