

University of Utah

Academic and Professional Reference

Instructions: This form should be completed by the applicant and the person acting as a reference for the applicant (endorser). When completed, the form should be sent by the endorser to the address below:

Director of Graduate Studies
Department of Exercise and Sport Science
1850 E. 250 S., Rm. 241
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Part I: To be completed by the **Applicant**

Name: _____

Social Security No.: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Undergraduate Major: _____

College Attended: _____

Prospective Graduate Major: _____

Degree sought: _____

How long and in what capacity have you known the person providing this reference?

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Part II: To be completed by the **Endorser**

Note to the endorser: The person named above is applying for graduate admission, an award, or financial assistance from the University of Utah and has listed you as a reference. Please complete this form and send it directly to the major department specified above. No action will be taken on the applicant's request until this form is received. If you do not know the applicant well, feel free to say so; your frankness will not prejudice the student's application.

1. I do ___ / do not ___ know the applicant's academic abilities well enough to act as a reference.

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2. Summary evaluation of overall scholarly ability:
Compared to a representative group of students in the same field who have had approximately the same amount of experience and training, how do you rate the applicant? Educational level of the representative group with which the applicant is compared:

- College junior
- College senior
- First-year graduate student
- Advanced graduate student

Check one:

- Outstanding
- Unusual (next highest 5%)
- Good (ability easily identifiable but not in the upper 10%; probably in the upper 15%)
- Above Average (probably in the upper 25%)
- Average
- Below Average
- Not recommended for graduate study

3. In your opinion, is the applicant's scholastic record, as you know it, an accurate index of his or her scholastic ability?

- Do not know
- Yes
- No; Explain:

(Giving consideration to the applicant's performance in independent study or in research)

4. Do you know of any matters related to character and responsibility, or to physical and mental health, that should be considered in planning for the student's graduate work?
5. I would ____ / would not ____ be pleased to have the applicant working under my direction as a:

- Research Assistant
- Teaching Assistant
- Teaching Fellow

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6. Evaluation Profile:

	Outstanding	Unusual	Good	Above Average	Below Average	Not Recommended for graduate study	Unknown
Communication Skill (oral & written)							
Analytical thinking							
Willingness to work hard							
Motivation							
Commitment							
Intellectual Independence							
Ability to work with others							
Organizational ability							
Creativity							
Leadership ability							
Trustworthiness/Honesty							

7. Expanding on the Evaluation Profile above, what is your estimate of applicant's potential as a graduate student?

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Endorser Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (print or type): _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____
