

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
REQUEST FOR REFERENCE**

Please return to:

Department of Biological Sciences
Graduate Programs
UNT Box 305220
Denton, Texas 76203
PHONE: (940) 565-3593
FAX: (940) 565-3821

Name of Applicant (Please print or type.)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Undergraduate Degree	Date of Degree	University Awarding Degree
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To the Applicant: Under the Federal law entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. We shall consider all letters of recommendation; however, you have the option of (1) signing the following waiver, or (2) declining to do so.

- I expressly waive any rights I might have to access this letter of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, or any other law, regulation or policy.

Signature **Date**

- I do not agree to the waiver as stated above.

Signature **Date**

(Applicant completes form above this line.)

The following to be completed by the referee:

I have known the applicant for approximately _____ years. During this time, the applicant was an:
Undergraduate Student____; Graduate Student____; Advisee of Mine____; Assistant of mine____; Employee of mine____; Other_____.

I know the applicant: Quite well____; Fairly well____; Not very well_____.

I would compare the applicant with other students as follows:

CATEGORY	SUPERIOR	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	NO BASIS FOR OPINION
Teaching ability					
M.S. potential					
Ph.D. potential					
Ability to master academic work					
Ability for oral expression					
Ability for written expression					
Emotional stability and maturity					
Self-reliance and independence					
Ability to work with others					
Ability for experimental techniques and analytical thought					

We would appreciate it if you would comment on the following:

1. Potential of the applicant to do independent research.

2. Ability to work with and get along with colleagues.

3. Strong and weak points of the applicant.

Please evaluate the scholarly or creative capability and potential of the applicant to complete a graduate degree in Biological Science as a percentile rating by placing an "X" in the appropriate place on the scale below.



Knowing the applicant's grades, I feel that they do ___ do not ___ adequately represent the applicant's level of ability.

Additional comments (please use reverse side of page if necessary):

In summary, I would give a very strong ___ strong ___ average ___ poor ___ no ___ recommendation.

Recommendation with reservation (please specify):

Recommender's signature:

Title:

Name (printed or typed):

Address:

Phone:

Date: