

**Youngstown State University
College of Graduate Studies**

RECOMMENDATION

To the Applicant: Three professional recommendations (i.e., from supervisors, instructors, colleagues) are required of applicants for either a Graduate Assistantship or for admission to certain graduate programs. Fill in the top section and then forward this form to the individual who will make the recommendation. You are not required to sign the Applicant's Waiver statement.

Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Program: _____ Applying for: Admission Assistantship

Applicant's Waiver of Right of Access to Confidential Statement: I hereby freely and voluntarily waive my right of access to any information contained on this recommendation form and agree that the statement shall remain confidential.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

To the Person Recommending the Applicant: Both the applicant and the YSU College of Graduate Studies will appreciate your completing this form and returning it as soon as possible. Please use the reverse side if additional space is needed. Because of federal legislation allowing students to have access to educational records, we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of your statement unless the applicant has signed the waiver printed above.

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

2. How would you rank the applicant compared with others of the same academic level in the following characteristics?

| | Top 10% | Next 20% | Middle 40% | Next 20% | Bottom 10% | Don't Know |
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| General Intelligence | | | | | | |
| Knowledge of Field | | | | | | |
| Maturity and Emotional Stability | | | | | | |
| Industry and Work Habits | | | | | | |
| Ability of Self-Expression | | | | | | |
| Imagination and Creativity | | | | | | |
| Initiative and Enthusiasm | | | | | | |

3. What is your evaluation of the applicant's overall ability and motivation to succeed?

4. If the student has indicated that he/she is applying for a graduate assistantship, please give your opinion about how effective he/she would be if assigned teaching and/or research duties.

Signature

Name Printed

Title or Position

Field or Organization

Date

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| Return completed form to: Dean, College of Graduate Studies Youngstown State University Youngstown, OH 44555-3091 |
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