



The Graduate School Recommendation Form

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I. This section is to be completed by the applicant (please print)

Your Last Name First Name MI Maiden Name SS#

According to FERPA of 1974, students are guaranteed access to educational records concerning them, unless that right is waived. Therefore, signing is optional. *I hereby waive any and all rights to inspect and review this recommendation, and I give my permission for this reference to remain confidential between NSU and the recommender.*

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

(Please send this form to the person writing the recommendation. Identify your program/degree in Section II.)

II. This section is to be completed by the recommender.

This applicant is seeking admission to a graduate program in _____.

Please rate the applicant on the following items.

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | No Basis for Judgment |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| Academic ability | | | | | |
| Intellectual capacity | | | | | |
| Oral communication skills | | | | | |
| Writing communication skills | | | | | |
| Originality, creativity | | | | | |
| Ability to solve problems; make decisions | | | | | |
| Potential for conducting research | | | | | |
| Work ethic and responsibility | | | | | |
| Independence/initiative | | | | | |
| Professionalism | | | | | |
| Motivation for graduate study | | | | | |

Comments (Please address character traits, personality, and scholastic ability related to the applicant's background to do graduate work in the stated program):

(Please add additional comments/information on back of form or submit additional pages.)

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

Name (Please Print) _____ Title _____
Address _____
Telephone # _____
Signature _____ Date _____

**Please return the form to: The Graduate School, Northwestern State University,
Roy Hall Room 101 Natchitoches, LA 71497; or Fax to 318-357-5019**