

*Supervising Committee for the Doctoral Program
in Social Work and Social Science*

RECOMMENDATION ON APPLICANT FOR ADMISSION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

(This section to be completed by the applicant)

Name of Applicant: _____

Field of Specialization: Social Work and _____
Specify social science discipline

Name of Recommender: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

(include department & _____

Institution affiliation, _____

If appropriate) _____

Under the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you (if admitted and enrolled) will have access to the information provided unless you have waived such access.

a. I hereby waive my right of access to the information recorded below.

b. I do not waive my right of access to the information recorded below.

Signature of applicant

Date

TO THE RECOMMENDER: Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, this applicant (if admitted and enrolled) will have access to the information provided unless he/she has waived such access.

The above mentioned person has applied for admission to the Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science, and has named you as a reference. After responding to the quick assessment on the reverse side of this form, please comment specifically, in a separate letter, on the applicant's strengths and limitations for graduate study. We are interested in obtaining information to aid us in arriving at a decision regarding this applicant and to help in planning the most constructive program if the applicant becomes our student.

The goal of this program is to prepare students to contribute to the advancement of knowledge about social work practice and social welfare. The program builds on education at the master's level in social work. Those who do not have a graduate social work degree will gain this foundation and earn a master's degree as part of their doctoral studies. The advanced portion of the Doctoral Program is designed to provide:

- a thorough grounding in a social science discipline including research methods and selected areas of theory;
- advanced study in the theory, research, and values in at least one area of social work practice and social welfare; and
- the impetus and bases to develop linkages between social science knowledge and research on the one hand and social welfare issues on the other.

We would appreciate a letter from you using the following items only as guides. Please write as specifically and as fully as you wish.

1. How long and in which context you have known the applicant.
2. Quality of academic achievements, including material not apparent on official transcripts.
3. Scholarly potential and promise for advanced and original work in social work and a social science field of specialization noted above.
4. Qualifications as you see them, including such factors as ability to carry responsibility, quality of relationship with others, and evidence of ability for leadership.
5. Characteristics, attitudes, or skills you have observed that could affect the quality of performance in social work and practice.
6. Evaluation of scholarly capability by ranking the applicant in the upper 5%, 10%, or 25%, etc., of students who have recently been in your department or agency.

Please complete the chart below, rating the applicant in comparison with others whom you have known at similar stages in their careers.

	Exceptional Upper 5%	Outstanding Next 15%	Very Good Next 15%	Good Next 15%	Next 50%	No Basis for Judgement
Knowledge in chosen field						
Motivation and perseverance toward goals						
Ability to work independently						
Ability to express thoughts in speech and writing						
Ability/potential for college teaching						
Ability to plan and conduct research						

Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement by placing an "X" along the scale.

Highly recommend Recommend Recommend with some reservations Do not recommend

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Please attach this form to your letter, and mail them to:

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 University of Michigan School of Social Work
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