



Robert Stempel College
of Public Health
& Social Work

Master of Social Work Program

Recommendation Request

Applicant: _____ **Panther I.D.** _____

Email: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Name of Evaluator: _____

Applicant:

Please complete the above. The references will become part of your admission file. They will be used only for admission consideration and will not be disclosed to any unauthorized individual without your consent. Read the waiver statements below and select the one you prefer. If you do not sign, your access to the reference letter will be waived. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 entitles students to access letters of evaluation in their permanent record file at Florida International University. The applicant may waive this right of access in which case letters of evaluation will be considered confidential by Florida International University and will not be available to the student.

I do not waive my right of access to this letter of evaluation I waive my right of access to this letter of evaluation

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Evaluator:

The person named above is applying for admissions to our School as a candidate for the Master of Social Work. Your name has been given as a person having knowledge of his or her potential readiness and qualifications for undertaking graduate study. You can best help the applicant by being frank about his or her limitations as well as strengths.

Category or reference: Academic Work

NOTE: Include this form with your completed recommendation form and, if available, your letter of support.

Thank you very much for your assistance. The Admissions Committee cannot consider applications until all application materials are received by the School of Social Work. Reference form must be uploaded to the Graduate Admissions Application Center portal.

Master of Social Work Program

Graduate professional education for social work places heavy intellectual and emotional demands upon students. The School of Social Work is interested in admitting students who are mature and have the capacity for graduate study and the commitment to a professional career of serious ethical responsibility.

The following questions suggest the kinds of information that may be most helpful to the Admissions Committee in making a decision:

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

2. In what area of activity and under what circumstances has the applicant shown the greatest ability?

3. What was the applicant's attitude toward persons different than themselves?

4. Are there any personal qualities that may limit the applicant's ability to work with people who are different in personal and social difficulty?

Please evaluate the applicant in each of the following areas:

	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent	Unable to Evaluate
Openness to learning with capacity to change						
Intellectual capacity						
Integrity						
Emotional maturity/stability						
Creativity in problem solving						
Ability to express ideas orally						
Ability to communicate in writing						
Ability to accept constructive feedback						
Interpersonal skills						
Sensitivity to & capacity for accepting differences in Race, Class, Culture, Lifestyles & Ideas						

Summary Evaluation:

___ I strongly recommend this applicant and believe that he/she has the capability to perform at a superior level.

___ I recommend this applicant for admission and believe that his/her performance should be comparable to that of most graduate students.

___ I believe the applicant's qualifications are marginal, but the applicant has potential and would benefit from study in the program.

___ I do not recommend this applicant for admission to the graduate program in social work.

Please attach a letter of support, if possible.

Signature of Evaluator: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____