



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. Recommender's must download, complete and email the form directly to Ms. Gladys Ramos (glramos@fiu.edu).

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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?

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

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

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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?

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_