



**Graduate Program in Political Science**

**University of Missouri-Columbia**

Recommendation to support application for admission and financial assistance

To the applicant: Please fill out the line below and sign after reading statement.

**Applicant's Name**

**Field of Study**

**Degree Objective**

The Family Education Rights & Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (P.O. 93-380), allows a candidate for admission, employment or receipt of honors to waive his or her right to confidential letters or statements written in his or her behalf if the recommendation is used solely for the purpose of admission, employment or the receipt of honors and if the candidate, upon request, is notified of the names of all persons making such recommendations in his or her behalf. The University of Missouri-Columbia does not require that you make such a waiver as a condition for admission or financial assistance. However, under the legislation you have the option of signing such a waiver as follows:

I hereby waive my right of access to this recommendation and any appropriate attachments which have been written by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of referee) in behalf of my application for admission to the Graduate School, the University of Missouri-Columbia, and for financial assistance, if applicable. This waiver is effective is so far as the recommendation is used solely for the purpose of admission or financial assistance, if applicable.

**Signature**

**Date**

To the evaluator: The above named student is an applicant for admission to the graduate program in Political Science and for a fellowship, research assistantship, or teaching assistantship. We solicit your candid evaluation of the applicant. Please fill out the form below. We also ask that you provide a written evaluation of the applicant in the space provided on the back of this form.

How long have you known the applicant?\_\_\_\_\_ In what relationship?\_\_\_\_\_

Please use the space below to rate the applicant relative to other students you have taught in recent years.

|  | <b>Excellent</b> | <b>Very Good</b> | <b>Good</b> | <b>Fair</b> | <b>Poor</b> | <b>Unable to Judge</b> |
|--|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| <b>Intelligence</b>                      |                  |                  |             |             |             |                        |
| <b>Motivation</b>                        |                  |                  |             |             |             |                        |
| <b>Potential as a teacher</b>            |                  |                  |             |             |             |                        |
| <b>Potential as a research scholar</b>   |                  |                  |             |             |             |                        |
| <b>Writing ability</b>                   |                  |                  |             |             |             |                        |
| <b>Analytical ability</b>                |                  |                  |             |             |             |                        |
| <b>General promise for graduate work</b> |                  |                  |             |             |             |                        |

Please write a narrative providing as specific comments as possible on the applicant's academic or professional strengths and weaknesses, together with whatever observations you can make concerning his/her motivation and purpose. If you need more space, attach additional pages.

Evaluator's Name\_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title\_\_\_\_\_Institution\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

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Date\_\_\_\_\_Signature\_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form directly to: Director of Graduate Studies, Department of  
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113 Professional Building, Columbia, MO 65211-6030**