



Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Jacksonville Campus

Letter of Recommendation Master's Degree Programs

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT			Date _____
Name of applicant _____			
Last	First	Middle	
Address _____			
City		State	Telephone
Degree program applied for _____		Session/Year applied for _____	

The Admissions Office would appreciate an evaluation from you concerning the person named above. Your honesty will help us in doing a careful evaluation. This confidential recommendation will be destroyed prior to the applicant's matriculation if he or she is admitted. Please complete front and back of form. For the following section, please check as many choices as pertain to the applicant.

Christian Commitment and Character

- Above reproach
- Undeveloped in certain areas
- Obvious to others
- Questionable
- No basis for judging

Church Involvement

- Serves in leadership
- Attends frequently
- Attends occasionally
- Invested in the life of the Church
- No basis for judging

Capacity for Leadership

- Demonstrates leadership abilities
- Lacks leadership ability
- Potential for leadership
- Authoritarian, can be harsh
- Respected leader
- Avoids leadership responsibility
- No basis for judging

Communication Skills

- Articulate, effective communicator
- Difficulty in expressing ideas
- Insecure
- Comprehends well
- Argumentative
- No basis for judging

Reasoning and Decision Making Ability

- Insightful, well thought-out
- Impetuous, acts without thinking
- Seeks the counsel of others
- Disregards sound advice
- Displays wisdom
- No basis for judging

Motivation and Perseverance

- Highly motivated
- Easily distracted/discouraged
- Demonstrates persistence
- Lacks resolve/determination
- Easily swayed by circumstances
- No basis for judging

Emotional Maturity and Stability

- Accurate self-appraisal
- Insecure, poor self-image
- Prone to anger
- Exercises self-control
- Prone to depression
- Demonstrates emotional stability
- Emotionally unstable
- No basis for judging

Facility in Interpersonal Relationships

- Approachable, sought by others
- Avoided by others
- Tolerated by others
- Initiative, seeks out others
- Withdrawn, avoids others
- Inappropriate in mixed settings
- Difficulty maintaining relationships
- No basis for judging

Sensitivity to Others

- Responsive to the needs of others
- Insensitive to the feelings of others
- Compassionate, caring
- Impatient with others
- Intolerant to opposition
- Encouraging
- No basis for judging

Responsibility

- Dependable
- Irresponsible, careless
- Avoids responsibility
- Completes work in a timely manner
- Difficulty in managing personal finances
- No basis for judging

Cooperation (ability to work with others)

- Works well with others
- Intimidated in group settings
- Shares responsibility
- Dominates in group settings
- Does not work well with different personalities and temperaments
- No basis for judging

How long have you known the applicant? How well? _____

What is the nature of your relationship? Pastor Teacher Friend Mentor
 Colleague Employer Other _____

Do you have any reservations with regard to the applicant's decision to pursue seminary education at this time in his/her life?
 Yes No If "yes," please comment on a separate sheet.

Please comment on your perception of the applicant's strengths and weaknesses, readiness to begin seminary study and overall potential for Christian ministry.

In considering the applicant's suitability for seminary study and overall potential for ministry, please check one of the following:

not recommended recommended w/ reservation recommended w/ confidence recommended w/ enthusiasm

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (print or type) _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

May we contact you, if needed, for further information or clarification? Yes No Alumna/us

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