



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

LETTER OF REFERENCE

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Name of applicant: (Please print) _____

Instructions for the Reviewer:

The above named is applying for admissions to the Masters or Doctoral program in Sociology at Portland State University. Your honest assessment of the candidate will assist the Committee on Graduate Admissions. Under the 1974 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, the applicant named above will have access to this recommendation unless he or she has waived that right.

1. On the attached chart, please rank the applicant's potential in graduate studies in comparison to other students that you have known over the past five years.
2. Please attach and upload a letter that explains your rankings and additional comments on the applicant. Include how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity, her/his creativity, independence, responsibility, pertinent accomplishments, and general promise for graduate studies in sociology.
3. If you have questions call us: (503) 725-3926.

***WE KNOW YOUR TIME IS IMPORTANT - THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!
Application Deadline: January 16, 2014***

Dear reviewer: Please remember to upload your letter of recommendation in addition to this form.

Please indicate to whom are you comparing the applicant:

college seniors

advanced graduate students

first year graduate students

other (please indicate):

Recommendation

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Reference for: _____

	Exceptional	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
<i>Intellectual capacity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Writing ability</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Verbal skills</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Motivation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Independence</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Creativity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Ability to work with others</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Timeliness in completing assignments</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of Referee (please print)

Referee's Highest Degree Earned

Current Position

Current Institution

Address

City, State, ZIP

Telephone

e-mail