

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES  
REQUEST FOR REFERENCE**

**Please return to:**

Department of Biological Sciences  
Graduate Programs  
UNT Box 305220  
Denton, Texas 76203  
PHONE: (940) 565-3593  
FAX: (940) 565-3821

**Name of Applicant** (Please print or type.)

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<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Middle Initial</b>
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<b>Undergraduate Degree</b>	<b>Date of Degree</b>	<b>University Awarding Degree</b>
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To the Applicant: Under the Federal law entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. We shall consider all letters of recommendation; however, you have the option of (1) signing the following waiver, or (2) declining to do so.

- I expressly waive any rights I might have to access this letter of recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, or any other law, regulation or policy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** **Date**

- I do not agree to the waiver as stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature** **Date**

**(Applicant completes form above this line.)**

**The following to be completed by the referee:**

I have known the applicant for approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years. During this time, the applicant was an:  
Undergraduate Student\_\_\_\_; Graduate Student\_\_\_\_; Advisee of Mine\_\_\_\_; Assistant of mine\_\_\_\_; Employee of mine\_\_\_\_; Other\_\_\_\_\_.

I know the applicant: Quite well\_\_\_\_; Fairly well\_\_\_\_; Not very well\_\_\_\_\_.

I would compare the applicant with other students as follows:

CATEGORY	SUPERIOR	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	NO BASIS FOR OPINION
Teaching ability					
M.S. potential					
Ph.D. potential					
Ability to master academic work					
Ability for oral expression					
Ability for written expression					
Emotional stability and maturity					
Self-reliance and independence					
Ability to work with others					
Ability for experimental techniques and analytical thought					

We would appreciate it if you would comment on the following:

1. Potential of the applicant to do independent research.

2. Ability to work with and get along with colleagues.

3. Strong and weak points of the applicant.

Please evaluate the scholarly or creative capability and potential of the applicant to complete a graduate degree in Biological Science as a percentile rating by placing an "X" in the appropriate place on the scale below.



Knowing the applicant's grades, I feel that they do \_\_\_ do not \_\_\_ adequately represent the applicant's level of ability.

Additional comments (please use reverse side of page if necessary):

In summary, I would give a very strong \_\_\_ strong \_\_\_ average \_\_\_ poor \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ recommendation.

Recommendation with reservation (please specify):

**Recommender's signature:**

**Title:**

**Name (printed or typed):**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Date:**