

Minnesota Graduate School of Theology
Associate School Programs

RECOMMENDATION FROM A PASTOR

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Student Applicant Information (to be completed by the Student)

TO THE STUDENT APPLICANT: This form should be completed by your Pastor and mailed directly by him/her to the offices of the School admissions. If a minister other than your Pastor (Assistant or Youth Director) completes this form, an explanation should be provided. The Minnesota Graduate School of Theology requests that the following waiver be signed by the applicant before this form is given to the Pastor for recommendation.

I hereby waive the right to inspect this confidential recommendation, which is part of my admission file.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Name of Student Applicant (Last, First, Middle)

Street Address

City () - () State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone E-mail address

Pastor Recommendation Information (to be completed by the Pastor)

TO THE RECOMMENDING PASTOR: The person named above is applying for admission to the Minnesota Graduate School of Theology. Serious consideration is given to this recommendation that you provide; therefore, your cooperation in completing this form as candidly as possible is greatly appreciated. All information provided will be held in the strictest confidence.

Name of Recommending Pastor Position

Church Name Denomination

Street Address

City () - () State Zip

Church Phone Cell Phone E-mail address

How long have you known the applicant? _____

How well do you know the applicant?

- Just by name and sight
- Casually; have occasional personal contact
- Fairly well; have regular personal contact
- Have a very close pastoral friendship

To the best of your knowledge, has the applicant made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

To what extent is the applicant engaged in the activities of your church?

- Irregular in attendance and is rarely involved
- Regular attendance but seldom participates in activities
- Regular attendance and is cooperative and willing to help
- Attends faithfully and enthusiastically engages in activities

How would you rate the applicant's spiritual influence on other people?

- Strong and positive influence
- Average and positive influence
- Neutral influence
- Strong and negative influence

How would you rate the applicant in the following areas?

Category	Superior	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loyalty to church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dependability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Morality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

What type of ministry or Christian service has the applicant been engaged in (e.g., Sunday school, youth group, worship)? _____

Has the applicant's record been such that you could place confidence in his/her integrity?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Please explain: _____

Does the applicant use any of the following to your knowledge?

- Cigarettes
- Tobacco
- Illegal drugs
- Alcoholic beverages
- Other -- Explain: _____

Are there personality traits that would hinder the applicant's relationship with others?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Please explain: _____

Describe factors that might affect the applicant's success at the Minnesota Graduate School of Theology. We are interested in both positive and negative factors. _____

To your knowledge, is the applicant presently responsible for paying his/her bills and financial commitments or obligations?

- Yes No Unsure

Please explain: _____

Please check the statements which represent your opinion of the applicant's behavior and attitudes.

Mental ability:

- Quick comprehension
 Generally good
 Average
 Slow

Seriousness of purpose:

- Purposeful
 Limited
 Vacillating
 No purpose

Industry:

- Seeks additional work
 Does assigned work
 Needs prodding
 Lazy

Adaptability:

- Makes good adjustments
 Average
 Uneasy
 Socially inept

Concern for others:

- Deeply concerned
 Socially concerned
 Indifferent
 Self-centered

Initiative:

- Strong leader
 Contributing
 Needs direction
 Passive

Reliability:

- Conscientious
 Usually dependable
 Inconsistent
 Unreliable

Emotional stability:

- Exceptionally stable
 Well balanced
 Excitable
 Apathetic

Self-Respect:

Dress:

- Neat
 Average
 Untidy

Person:

- Clean
 Average
 Careless

Speech:

- Careful
 Indifferent
 Loose

Discipline:

- Strong
 Average
 Needs improvement

Please share with us any additional information about the applicant that you feel would be helpful in our evaluation. _____

Application recommendation:

- I recommend this applicant without reservation.
 I recommend this applicant with reservation.
 I do not recommend this applicant.

Please explain: _____

Pastor Signature

Date

**Additional notes may be made on the back of this page.
Thank you for your assistance with this important process!**

Please send this completed form to: _____

