

## Winona State University Professional Science Masters Program Applicant Recommendation Form

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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The applicant for whom you are commenting has made an signed election on their application for admission to the WSU Professional Science Master's program regarding their desire to waive their right to inspect the following recommendation. The applicant was instructed to inform you of their election. Please feel free to inquire with the applicant or with the director of the PSM program if you have any questions or wish to confirm the applicant's choice.

**Thank you for your time in completing this recommendation.**

### Recommendation Provider Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known the applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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How many years have you known the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ years

## QUALITIES TO BE RANKED

Below, it is requested that you rank the applicant with regard to a list of qualities that are typical of successful graduate students.

Please indicate the basis for comparison that you will use to make the following rankings:

\_\_\_ Undergraduate Students

\_\_\_ Professional Scientists

\_\_\_ Employees

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please evaluate the applicant by selecting the rating that most nearly represents your assessment of the characteristic listed. If you lack the knowledge to make a rating, select "Unknown".

## QUALITY RANKING

### Ranking choices

\_\_\_ Research ability

(E) Exceptional

\_\_\_ Intellectual ability for grad work

(V) Very Good

\_\_\_ Creative or innovative talent

(A) Average

\_\_\_ Ability to express ideas orally

(B) Below Average

\_\_\_ Ability to write

(N/A) Not Applicable or Unknown

\_\_\_ Graphic expression

\_\_\_ Math/analytical ability

\_\_\_ Ethical standards and integrity

\_\_\_ Leadership ability

\_\_\_ Ability to work with others

\_\_\_ Knowledge in area of proposed study

\_\_\_ Motivation and depth of commitment to graduate study

\_\_\_ Ability to function independently

\_\_\_ Professional maturity

\_\_\_ Instructional Potential (leading discussions, educating others, etc.)

\_\_\_ Overall recommendation compared to others

## RECOMMENDATION

Please write a candid narrative evaluation of this applicant's qualifications and potential for success as a graduate student. Please address the following points: unique positive factors, potentially negative factors, comparative strength or record, relevant research or other scholarly experience, rigor and reputation of the undergrad college and major, rank in class, professional promise, ability to express views orally and in writing, ability to conceptualize and integrate knowledge, and any other factors or considerations that you think should be brought to the attention of the admissions committee.