

Department of Biochemistry

University of Missouri-Columbia

Letter of Reference

Instructions to the applicant: Complete lines 1-4. Please print clearly. You **may** sign line 5 if you wish to waive your right of access to this letter. This is **OPTIONAL**. Give this form to a person well acquainted with you and your academic abilities. **Do not write below the double line.**

1.	Last name:	First name:	Middle name:
2.	Area(s) of primary interest:		
3.	Area of undergraduate emphasis:		
4.	Current area of graduate emphasis (if applicable):		
5.	OPTIONAL. Your signature here waives your rights of access to this confidential recommendation as provided in the Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.		date: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>

The Following Portion Include the Back Is To Be Filled Out By The Individual Providing This Reference

Instructions to the writer: Please complete lines 6-11 **and the back** below and state in a separate letter on official letterhead your opinion of the applicant's ability to carry on advanced study and research, teaching potential, and capacity to pursue a successful career while taking into consideration her or his professional goals. If the applicant has signed line five above, the confidentiality of this letter of reference is assured.

6.	Last name:	First name:	Middle name:
7.	Position:	Institution:	
8.	Mailing address:		
9.	E-mail address:		
10.	Ranking: Among approximately _____ students I have known in this field in recent years, I would rank this applicant in the upper _____ percent.		
11.	Signature:		date: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/>

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(See Reverse)

Instruction to Evaluator: To the best of your knowledge, please rate the applicant with regard to the attributes listed in the table below and list your basis for comparison.

Basis for comparison:

- Graduating seniors
- First year graduate students
- All Students I have known
- Others, please specify _____

	Top 1-2%	Top 5% But not top 1-2%	Top 10% but not top 5%	Top 25% but not top 10%	Top 50% but not top 25%	Lower 50%	No basis for judgment
Intellectual Ability							
Breadth of General Knowledge							
Creativity, Imagination, Originality							
Initiative, Resourcefulness							
Industry, Perseverance							
Oral Expression							
Written Expression							
Promise as a Research Scholar							

Overall Recommendation:

- Strongly recommend
- Recommend
- Recommend with reservations
- Do not recommend