



Grand Rapids  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

# MINISTRY REFERENCE

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for admission to Grand Rapids Theological Seminary and has given your name as a reference. Serious consideration is given to this recommendation, and therefore we request that you complete the form carefully and candidly, and return it directly to **Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, Admissions Office, 1001 E. Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.**

## APPLICANT

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students enrolled at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary have access to their admission records, including letters of recommendation. However, students may waive their right to see letters of recommendation whereupon such letters will be held in confidence. If the applicant has not signed a waiver, it is assumed that this letter is submitted with the recommender's understanding that the applicant, once registered at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, may request to see the letter. The alternative selected below by the applicant will not affect consideration of the application for admission.

- As applicant, I retain my right of access to this recommendation.       As applicant, I waive my right of access to this recommendation.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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1. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Check (✓) on the line by the phrase which best describes how you know the applicant.

Just by name.

Casually. Have had a few personal contacts.

Fairly well. Have had a number of personal contacts.

Have had a very close relationship.

3. To the best of your knowledge, has the applicant been born again by faith in Jesus Christ?  Yes  No  I don't know

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Check (✓) on the line by the phrase which best describes to what extent the applicant is engaged in the activities of your ministry.

Is very irregular in attendance. Little interest in activities.

Seldom participates in activities.

Is cooperative and usually willing to help in the various activities of the ministry.

Enthusiastically engages in the activities of the ministry.

5. In what forms of Christian service has the applicant been regularly active? \_\_\_\_\_

6. If the applicant does not participate, do you know why? \_\_\_\_\_

7. In comparison with other people you know, how would you rate the applicant in the following areas?

- Leadership:     Superior             Above Average             Average             Below Average  
Responsibility:     Superior             Above Average             Average             Below Average  
Loyalty to Church:     Superior             Above Average             Average             Below Average

8. In your opinion, does the applicant possess any outstanding abilities? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Please check the terms which best describe the applicant's attitude toward the church and toward the things for which the church stands.

- Warm-hearted             Devoted             Enthusiastic             Judgmental             Condescending  
 Supportive             Sympathetic             Bitter             Open-minded             Respectful  
 Rebellious             Antagonistic             Loving             Unresponsive             Grateful

10. In your estimation, the applicant's spiritual influence on his/her classmates will be:

- Positive             Neutral             Negative             I don't know

11. In your experience, has the applicant's entire record been such that you would place full confidence in his/her integrity? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Are there personality traits which hinder the applicant in his/her relationship with others? \_\_\_\_\_

13. How would you evaluate the person's call to ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

14. How would you evaluate the person's giftedness for ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

15. What is your estimate of the applicant's success at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, based upon the applicant's purpose?

- Little success             May encounter some difficulty             Average             Above average             Superior

16. What is your specific recommendation:  Recommended for admission to GRTS     Not recommended for admission to GRTS

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

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