



Grand Rapids
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

MINISTRY REFERENCE

_____ has applied for admission to the Grand Rapids Theological Seminary and has given your name as a reference. Each applicant for admission must secure a recommendation from a ministry leader (not a relative). 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 _____

REFERENCE

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.
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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.
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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?

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| Leadership: | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> Superior | <input type="checkbox"/> Above Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average |
| Responsibility: | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> Superior | <input type="checkbox"/> Above Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average |
| Loyalty to Church: | <input type="checkbox"/> Most Outstanding | <input type="checkbox"/> Superior | <input type="checkbox"/> Above Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm-hearted | <input type="checkbox"/> Devoted | <input type="checkbox"/> Enthusiastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Critical | <input type="checkbox"/> Contemptuous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supportive | <input type="checkbox"/> Sympathetic | <input type="checkbox"/> Bitter | <input type="checkbox"/> Tolerant | <input type="checkbox"/> Respectful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebellious | <input type="checkbox"/> Antagonistic | <input type="checkbox"/> Loving | <input type="checkbox"/> Passive | <input type="checkbox"/> Grateful |

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

- Strengthening Neutral Injurious 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 _____

Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____



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