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PERSONAL REFERENCE

Applicant: Please complete this section before giving this form to an instructor or former professor acquainted with your educational and academic abilities.

I waive my right to have access to this Personal Reference
 I do not waive my right to have access to this Personal Reference

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

ENDORSER: PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER EVALUATING THE SPECIAL STRENGTHS OR WEAKNESSES OF THIS STUDENT THAT WOULD AFFECT HIS/HER SUITABILITY AS A GRADUATE STUDENT: **Please mail this form with your letter to the address above**

We are particularly interested in the ability of the applicant to:

- Pursue graduate study
- Perform research
- Serve as a teaching assistant
- Serve in a professional capacity in the chosen field.

We are also interested in the general character of the applicant and special indications bearing on the applicant's qualifications. For non-U.S. citizens: Please indicate degree of English proficiency for teaching duties.

In comparison with other graduate students you have know rate items A through I by a numeric score of 1-5. Base your ratings on the level of accomplishments you have come to expect from the applicant pool. (Ratings are: 1- Truly outstanding [top 10%]; 2- Superior; 3- Above average; 4- Average; 5- Below average; x-inadequate knowledge to rate)

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| () A. Intellectual ability | () E. Ability in written expression |
| () B. Mastery of fundamental knowledge in his/her general field | () F. Ability in oral expression |
| () C. Motivation and drive | () G. Adequacy of ability for research |
| () D. Scholarship | () H. Emotional maturity and stability |
| | () I. Self-reliance and independence |

How far do you think this applicant will progress? (Check one)

- () Will probably complete a doctorate
- () Will probably complete a master's degree
- () Is not likely to complete a graduate degree without excessive help
- () Is not likely to complete any graduate degree

I have been acquainted with the applicant during the period of: _____ to _____
as: _____ (teacher, advisor, supervisor, other)

NAME (print or type): _____ POSITION: _____

INSTITUTION: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____ PHONE: _____