

**THE SCHOOL OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DEPARTMENT OF SOIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA  
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Name of applicant (please type)

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Last First Middle

*To the Applicant:*

*Should you be admitted to the University of Missouri, you would have the student right to review your permanent records on file with the University. Many people writing letters would prefer to provide them on a confidential basis however, so we are providing you the opportunity to waive your right of subsequent access to this reference statement. Regardless of your decision, your application will be given full consideration using all the information accumulated for your file, including this form.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I do \_\_\_\_\_ I do not waive my right of subsequent access to this recommendation form.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LETTER TO SUPPORT APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY**

The Graduate Admissions Committee would appreciate your candid evaluation of the applicant's promise as a graduate student. We are particularly interested in the applicant's qualifications for graduate study, academic aptitude, analytical capacity, oral and written expression, motivation and reliability. It will also be helpful to us to know how long and in what capacity you have known the candidate. Please discriminate between strengths and weaknesses. (Use reverse side or attach a separate page, if needed).

Please rate the applicant in the section below. Your basis for comparison is:

Graduating seniors \_\_\_\_\_ First year graduate students \_\_\_\_\_ All students I have known \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristic	Lower 50%	Upper 50%	Upper 25%	Upper 10%	Upper 5%	Unable to Evaluate
Oral Expression Skills						
Written Expression Skills						
Responsibility / Maturity						
Ambition / Drive						
Intellectual Capacity						
Potential for Success in Graduate School						

Name (print) :

Date:

Position:

Address:

Institution:

Signature:

*PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:*

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