



# The Graduate School Recommendation Form

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### I. This section is to be completed by the applicant (please print)

Your Last Name                      First Name                      MI                      Maiden Name                      SS#

According to FERPA of 1974, students are guaranteed access to educational records concerning them, unless that right is waived. Therefore, signing is optional. *I hereby waive any and all rights to inspect and review this recommendation, and I give my permission for this reference to remain confidential between NSU and the recommender.*

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please send this form to the person writing the recommendation. Identify your program/degree in Section II.)*

### II. This section is to be completed by the recommender.

This applicant is seeking admission to a graduate program in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Please rate the applicant on the following items.

|   | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | No Basis for Judgment |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| Academic ability                          |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Intellectual capacity                     |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Oral communication skills                 |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Writing communication skills              |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Originality, creativity                   |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Ability to solve problems; make decisions |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Potential for conducting research         |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Work ethic and responsibility             |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Independence/initiative                   |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Professionalism                           |           |      |      |      |                       |
| Motivation for graduate study             |           |      |      |      |                       |

Comments (Please address character traits, personality, and scholastic ability related to the applicant's background to do graduate work in the stated program):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Please add additional comments/information on back of form or submit additional pages.)

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the form to: The Graduate School, Northwestern State University, Roy Hall, Room 209, Natchitoches, LA 71497; or Fax to 318-357-5019**