



University
of Windsor

**School of Social Work
ACADEMIC REFERENCE FORM 1 – MSW/JD**

To be completed by a professor or sessional instructor from a university or college.

Please be sure to complete, print and return in a sealed envelope with the referee's signature across the seal.

Alternatively, you can submit your reference via email to gradadmit@uwindsor.ca.

When submitting your reference electronically, please be sure to include the applicant's name and program name (MSW/JD) in the subject line.

Please cc' the Social Work Graduate Secretary (gradsw@uwindsor.ca) in your email.

Section 1

Applicant's surname: _____

Given Names: _____

Referee's Name: _____ Position: _____

Referee's Address: _____

Referee's Telephone: _____ Ext: _____ E-mail: _____

Capacity in which you have known the applicant _____

Number of years you have known the applicant _____

Section 2

To be completed by academic referees only. Please check (✓) the appropriate response.

1. I have known the applicant as: ☐ an undergraduate student, ☐ a graduate student
☐ a teaching assistant, ☐ other (specify) _____
2. I have served as the applicant's: ☐ department chair, ☐ research supervisor ☐
Instructor in one class, ☐
instructor in two or more classes ☐
3. If the applicant applied to your own graduate program, would you recommend his/her admission?
☐ without reservation, ☐ with some reservation (specify), ☐ not at all, ☐ no comparable program exists
4. Does the academic record fairly reflect the applicant's ability? ☐ Yes ☐ No (if no, give details)

Section 3

Please indicate the group, and number of others, with which you are comparing the applicant.

Section 4 - To be completed by all Referees. Please check (✓) the appropriate response.

In comparison with other individuals at the applicant's level with whom you have been associated as mentioned in Section 3, rate the applicant with respect to the following categories.

Criteria / Attributes	Outstanding Top 5%	Above Average Top 25%	Average 50%	Below Average 50%	Unable to Rank
Academic potential					
Analytic ability					
Creativity					
English Proficiency - oral					
English Proficiency - written					
Initiative					
Ability to work with others					
Research skills					
Ability to work with diverse populations					
Motivation for the MSW program					
Personal suitability for the MSW program					
Overall Rating					

Section 5

Please provide a written statement, on a separate page, of your perceptions of the applicant with respect to the following:

- Social justice, diversity, and advocacy commitment;
- Ability to deal with stressful situations in life;
- Personal ethics in dealing with others;
- Communication and interpersonal skills;
- Potential for leadership in the development of knowledge and practice in social work.

Completion of this reference form is a necessary part of the application to graduate studies at The University of Windsor, School of Social Work. The Admissions Office places a great deal of importance on these confidential recommendations and we appreciate your assistance in evaluating this applicant. The evaluation will be used only for admission purposes.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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