

WESTERN

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please complete the following before distributing the form.

Forward this form to the recommender for completion. Ask the recommender to send the form directly to Western Theological Seminary. For the convenience of the recommender, please include a stamped, addressed envelope.

NAME (Print) _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

APPLICATION FOR TERM : Fall Spring (IR) or Late Spring (DL) Year _____

PROGRAM APPLYING FOR: _____

VOCATIONAL GOAL: _____

I agree that the recommendation I am requesting shall be held in confidence by officials of Western Theological Seminary, and I waive any rights I may have to examine it.

Applicant's Signature _____

TO THE RECOMMENDER:

The student above has applied for admission to Western Theological Seminary and has requested that you give an evaluation. We would be grateful if you would give your frank evaluation of the applicant by responding to the questions listed below.

Western Theological Seminary appreciates your confidential statement evaluating this applicant. You may use a separate sheet for your answers and attach it to this form. **Please return this form directly to Western Theological Seminary** at the address above.

A. Relationship to the Applicant

1. How long have you known the applicant?

2. How well and in what capacity do you know the applicant?

3. Is the applicant's scholastic record, as you know it, an accurate reflection of the quality and range of his/her skills/competencies? (Yes or No)

B. Assessment of the Applicant (Please check the following descriptions that apply to the candidate)

Knowledge and Creativity

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| Integrates the familiar and the new | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Produces creative ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Is curious and eager to learn | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |

Communication Skills

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|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Communicates clearly and logically | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Speaks engagingly | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Organizes writing well | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |

Teamwork

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| Supports the efforts of others | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Behavior is open and friendly manner | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Engages well in group settings | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |

Resilience

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| Accepts feedback without defensiveness | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Overcomes challenges and setbacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Works hard even under stress | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |

Planning and Organization

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| Sets high but realistic goals | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Organizes work and time efficiently | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Meets deadlines | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |

Ethics and Integrity

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| Maintains high ethical standards | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Demonstrates emotional stability | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Is worthy of confidence and trust | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |

Spiritual Maturity

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| Possesses warm and personal faith | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Demonstrates sensitivity and empathy | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |
| Brings peace to conflict | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither Agree Nor Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly Disagree |

C. Personal Evaluation of Applicant

1. How would you summarize this applicant's strengths?

2. How would you summarize this applicant's weaknesses?

3. Please comment on his/her capacity for theological study and ministerial leadership.

4. Please state anything concerning the applicant that makes you hesitant to recommend this person.

5. Overall, do you recommend this applicant for admission to Western Theological Seminary?
 Recommend with enthusiasm Recommend Recommend with reservation
 Do not recommend – Please indicate reason(s).

Name of Recommender (Print) _____ **Date** _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Telephone Home () _____ **Office ()** _____
E-mail Address _____
Signature of Recommender _____

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