

Texas Woman's University and the University of North Texas Joint MSW Program

MSW Recommendation Form

TO THE APPLICANT: Please include your full name below, along with the information requested about the individual you have asked to make the recommendation. Keep in mind that these are professional references; therefore, you should select referees who are familiar with your educational background, employment, and/or professional skills. You should not ask a family member, peer, classmate, co-worker, or friend to serve as a reference.

TO THE RECOMMENDER: The applicant whose name is listed below is applying for to the TWU-UNT Joint Master's Program in Social Work and has requested that your recommendation be included as part of the information on which our Admissions Committee will base its decision. We thank you for your time and careful response to this request.

Applicant's Name

Name of Recommender

Position or Title

School or Agency

Address **City** **State** **Zip Code**

Telephone **Email**

Under the provision of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, accepted students are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. In order to encourage candor on the part of the individual completing this form, the student may choose to waive the right of access to this recommendation form. If you wish to waive the right to examine this recommendation form, and any attached letter submitted with it, please sign below. If left unsigned, you will have access to the form upon acceptance to the Joint TWU-UNT MSW Program.

Applicant's Signature **Date**

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1. In what capacity and how long have you know the applicant?

2. What do you consider to be the applicant's major strengths as a candidate for professional education and career in social work?

3. In what areas does the applicant need to have strengthened as potential graduate student and/or as a professional social worker?

4. Please discuss any personal knowledge that you have of the applicant's experience in social service. Indicate the nature of the experience and your assessment of the applicant's performance.

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5. Please respond to the following statements as thoroughly as possible

ABILITY TO HANDLE ACADEMIC DEMANDS	POOR	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Unable to Rate
Ability to think clearly and logically						
Ability to comprehend theoretical material						
Ability to use theoretical material in real life situations						
Ability to express ideas clearly in writing						
Ability to communicate ideas & concepts clearly to others						
Ability to assume responsibility: carry out assignments and tasks						

APPROPRIATENESS FOR SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION	POOR	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Unable to Rate
Awareness of social problems						
Has a sensitive, objective attitude towards others						
Ability to recognize the strengths of others						
Commitment to the profession of social work						
Willingness to engage in social change						
Commitment to social work values						
Ability to help people who are under stress						
Ability to work with difference in people (race, class, gender, etc.)						

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PERSONAL QUALITIES	POOR	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Unable to Rate
Leadership Ability						
Demonstrates initiative and motivation						
Ability to exercise sound judgement						
Demonstrated personal integrity						
Creativity						
Ability to be flexible and capable of change						
Level of maturity						
Ability to cope effectively with personal life stresses						
Ability to maintain relationships with others						
Willingness to accept constructive criticism						
Ability to work well as a team member						
Ability to express empathy						
Resourcefulness						
Demonstrates self-awareness						

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6. Please use the space below for additional comments you would like to make regarding the applicant. Feel free to address any features of the applicant’s repertoire about which we may not have inquired.

7. Please provide your overall evaluation of this applicant with respect to admission to the JMSW program

- Highly recommend
 Recommend
 Recommend with reservation
 Not Recommended

8. May we contact you via e-mail or phone for follow up questions should they arise? Yes No

We would like to thank you, in advance, for taking the time to provide a candid and thorough evaluation of the applicant's skills and capabilities.

Signature of Recommender

Date

Note: Recommendation forms may be submitted via one of the following options:

Place signed letter of recommendation in an envelope, seal, sign across back flap, and return to applicant.

OR

Scan signed LOR and send by email from the recommender to: socialwork@twu.edu