



**MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
**Master of Public Health Program**

720 Westview Drive, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30310-1495

**LETTER OF REFERENCE**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA, also known as the Buckley Amendment) I have \_\_\_\_\_ have not \_\_\_\_\_ waived the right of access to review the letters of recommendation.

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

We ask you to evaluate this applicant for admission with this focus in mind The Morehouse School of Medicine - Master of Public Health Program has a particular focus as expressed in our mission and goal statements.

The Master of Public Health Program augments the mission and goals of the school. The Program's mission is to improve the health, quality of life and well-being of communities and people through education, research and service in public health. The program focuses on people of African descent and other underserved people. The goals of the MSM MPH Program are:

- to prepare graduates for leadership in the public health professions,
- to educate students to understand and address the health needs of communities, regions and nations with a particular emphasis on underserved populations,
- to collaborate with communities in projects and activities to improve and sustain their health and well-being,
- to improve and impact public health policies and practices in order to promote health and decrease the morbidity and mortality among African Americans and other underserved populations,
- to discover, develop, and advance knowledge through basic and applied research on problems that disproportionately affect underserved populations,
- To increase the representation of African Americans and other underrepresented populations in the public health professions.

1. a) How long have you known the applicant?  Less than one year  More than one year  
b) How well do you know the applicant?  Casually  Fairly well  Very well  
c) Has the applicant been  An advisee  Teaching assistant  Research assistant  
 In your class(es)  In your employ

Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where would you rank this student with respect to:

	Lower 25%	Mid 25%	Upper 25%	Top 10%	Unable to Judge
Employees working in your department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students currently in your department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students you have sent to master's programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students you have sent to doctoral programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Orientation to Public Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(over)

3. Please rate the applicant on the attributes listed below with respect to others at the same academic/employment level:

	Lower 25%	Mid 25%	Upper 25%	Top 10%	Unable to Judge
Basic intellectual ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Knowledge and competence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation and diligence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership potential/community involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity and social skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Work habits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Orientation to Public Health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Originality, aptitude for independent problem solving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to communicate orally	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to communicate in writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. If you alone were making the admission decision on this applicant, which of the following would it be?

- Actively recruit - will be a truly outstanding student and public health professional.
- Definitely accept - will complete the indicated program at a superior level.
- Accept - should complete the indicated program at a satisfactory level.
- Accept - with reservation. (Please attach explanation)
- Do not accept. (Please attach explanation)

5. We are interested in your knowledge and opinion of this individual's qualifications and capabilities to enter professional education for public health at the graduate level. Some factors viewed as important for success in this program are intellectual capacity, leadership ability, motivation, emotional maturity and service to community.

Please attach a separate letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Prompt return of this reference will be appreciated both by the Program and the applicant, since the application cannot be considered by admissions until all application materials have been received by the Admissions Office.

Please return to: Office of Admissions  
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Deadline: March 1