



The University of Kansas
Department of Political Science
Graduate Program
Reference Form

Applicant Name: _____ Degree Sought: _____

Admission Requested for Fall _____ Semester.

Please note that the Department of Political Science will only admit new graduate students for the Fall semester. No late applications will be accepted or considered.

To the Applicant:

Recommendations should be requested from professors who are able to comment on your qualifications for graduate study. They should not be requested from a non-academic person unless you have extensive work experience and/or you have been away from academic pursuit for some time.

To the Recommender:

The applicant named above has applied for admission to the graduate program of the Department of Political Science at the University of Kansas. We appreciate your frank answers to the following questions. You may attach a letter of reference to this form, if you prefer. Please note that the applicant has signed the statement below concerning confidentiality of this document.

1. How long, and under what circumstances, have you known the applicant?

2. What strengths and weaknesses could affect the applicant's performance in graduate school? (For example: maturity, creativity, intelligence, initiative, motivation, ability to do independent work, ability to meet deadlines, oral and written communication skills, clarity of career goals, ability to profit from suggestions and constructive criticism.)

3. In your opinion, are the applicant's scholastic records and/or standardized test scores, as you know them, an accurate index of his/her ability?

- ☐ This person is likely to perform below the standard indicated by the academic record and/or standardized scores.
- ☐ The academic record and/or standardized scores are an accurate indication of this person's ability.
- ☐ This person is likely to perform better than the academic record and/or standardized scores indicate.

Comments: _____

4. Please assess the applicant's potential as a successful graduate student.

- ☐ Will perform exceptionally well and could earn all A's.
- ☐ Will perform very satisfactorily and will probably earn more A's than B's.
- ☐ Will perform satisfactorily and probably earn more B's than A's.
- ☐ Will have difficulty performing satisfactorily.

5. Overall Recommendation – check as applicable:

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Doctoral Program</u>	<u>Master's Program</u>	<u>Assistantship or Fellowship</u>
I would strongly recommend for	_____	_____	_____
I would recommend for	_____	_____	_____
I would recommend with reservations for	_____	_____	_____
I would not recommend for	_____	_____	_____

Additional

Comments: _____

Referee Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this reference form. Please mail *directly* to the address below. *Do not return to the applicant.*

Please mail to: Graduate Program Coordinator
Department of Political Science
The University of Kansas
504 Blake Hall, 1541 Lilac Lane
Lawrence, KS 66044-3177
Email: kupols@ukans.edu

I wish to have access to this statement and understand that under Public Law 93-380 I shall have the right to read this document if I am admitted to the graduate program.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I wish this statement to be confidential and I hereby waive any and all rights of access granted to me by Public Law 93-380 to this document.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____