



To Be Completed by the Applicant

Last name First Name Middle

Phone Email

Degree Program: _____ Semester and Year: _____

In accordance with the Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the applicant can waive his/her right to view this recommendation. Should the applicant decide not to waive the right, he/she will have access to the letter only if enrolled in a program at the Graduate Theological Union and its member schools.

I waive my right of access to this recommendation. Signature: _____

To Be Completed by the Recommender

First name last name

Position/title

Institution

Street Address

City State/province Zip/postal code Country

Email Phone

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

___ I am an Alum of a GTU member school Name of GTU school: _____

Overall Recommendation

- ***Recommend most enthusiastically
- ****Recommend strongly
- Recommend with confidence
- Recommend
- Recommend with reservation **
- ****Do not recommend

Thank you for taking the time to candidly evaluate this applicant. Your assessment is very important to us.

Academic Qualifications (for applicants to all programs)

How would you rate the applicant in the following area? Please mark an X in the appropriate boxes.

	Exceptional (Top 5%)	Outstanding (Next 10%)	Very Good (Upper 25%)	Average (Upper 50%)	Below Average	No basis for determination
Intellectual ability/capacity for graduate work						
Ability to collaborate/relate with others in class						
Ability to work independently						
English language proficiency						
In your experience, how does this applicant compare to others?						
Vocational clarity and commitment						
Overall academic qualifications						

Ministerial/Vocational Aptitude (Optional for GTU Common MA and PhD applicants)

	Exceptional (Top 5%)	Outstanding (Next 10%)	Very Good (Upper 25%)	Average (Upper 50%)	Below Average	No basis for determination
Potential for ministry/religious leadership						
Professional effectiveness and creativity						
Responsibility/motivation/commitment						
Personal character and emotional stability						
Personal faith/spirituality/theological maturity						
Commitment to diverse communities/ sustainable society						
Overall ministerial/vocational aptitude						

Written Evaluation

Your written evaluation is extremely important to us and we will depend upon it heavily in our overall evaluation of the applicant. **Please write a letter** to address the candidate’s strengths as well as weaknesses and areas of growth – including assets and liabilities that you believe would be helpful for an academic advisor to know. If you are mailing this recommendation directly to the GTU, send it to: Admissions Office, Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, CA 94709. GTU Admissions can be reached at 510-649-2460, or by email at admissions@gtu.edu

Recommender’s Signature _____ Date: _____