

# Recommendation Form

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## This section to be completed by applicant.

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Applicant's Printed Name

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

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## This section to be completed by remitter. (Cannot be related to applicant)

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The above stated applicant has applied for admission at United Theological Seminary; a graduate professional school affiliated with the United Methodist Church, and has indicated that you would be able to give us a recommendation. We would appreciate your honest evaluation of this individual's capacities for graduate work and work within the church. Your response is one of several being used to make admission decisions. Where there are options, please check only one box. We thank you for your input.

1. What length of time have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

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2. In your estimation, what is the individual's greatest strength?

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3. In your estimation, in what areas does the applicant need to grow?

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4. How well is the individual able to relate to other people?

Relates very well with others; is thoughtful and considerate.

There is reason to believe that the applicant has difficulties relating to others.

Is polite and amicable; usually demonstrates concern for others.

This person has difficulty accepting people who have different views.

5. Please comment on the individual's ability to communicate with people of different ages and backgrounds

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6. How well does this person deal with authority, both when in a position of leadership and when not?

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7. In your estimation, how emotionally mature is this person?

- Mature and emotionally stable; one can count on the applicant.
- Usually mature; usually stable.

- There is reason to believe the individual may not be able to handle moderate stress.
- Has serious emotional problems.

8. How is this individual's faith made manifest? (Please check all phrases that apply.)

- Patterns life after the teaching of Christ.
- Peacemaker
- Seeks to build bridges of hope and trust.
- Has a desire to help others.
- Enjoys discussing issues of faith.
- Respects the belief of others.

- Attends church regularly.
- Interested in learning more about own religious tradition.
- Can sometimes be abrasive or offensive attempting to communicate beliefs.
- Uncomfortable with those who believe differently.
- Self-centered

9. What evidence in applicant's life leads you to believe that this person is deeply committed to Christ?

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10. In your estimation, how will this person handle the academic requirements of graduate school?

- Has excelled in academic efforts in the past and should continue to do so.
- Will exert more effort than in the past and will probably do very good work.

- Will provide adequate work.
- May have some difficulty in graduate work.
- May not be able to handle graduate work.

**Overall Evaluation**

- I recommend this individual without reservation as an excellent prospect for graduate theological education.
- Applicant demonstrates excellent promise as a church leader.
- On the whole, I would recommend this individual as a good prospect for graduate theological education and church leadership.

- I have some reservations, but I feel the applicant has a reasonable chance for achievement in graduate school and as a church leader.
- I have substantial doubts about this applicant.
- I have additional comments that I would like to communicate to the Admissions Officer confidentially.
- I would request a phone conversation.

**Is there anything else you feel we should know about this applicant?**

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Signature

Date

Name (Please print)

Day Phone Number

Title

E-Mail Address

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