

MAIL TO:



Graduate Advisor
Geological Sciences
Box 30001, MSC 3AB
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM 88003

LETTER OF REFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF:

_____ who is applying to the New
Last Name First Name Middle Name
Mexico State University Graduate School for admission and financial aid to study in the department of
Geological Sciences. (Applicants please fill out above and transmit this form to an instructor or former
professor acquainted with your education and academic abilities.)

TO THE APPLICANT--CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

I hereby waive _____ do not waive _____ my right to examine this letter of reference.
Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO PERSONS PREPARING LETTERS OF REFERENCE:

The information given in this recommendation will be considered confidential and will be used in the initial
selection process only. This information will not become part of the student's academic record. We are
particularly interested in the ability of the applicant to:

- Pursue graduate study --Serve as a teaching assistant
--Serve in a professional capacity in the chosen field --Perform research

We are also interested in the general character of the applicant. Please mail this form to the Graduate Advisor,
Geological Sciences.

In comparison with other graduate students that you have known, rate items A through I by a numeric score of 1
to 5. Base your ratings on the level of accomplishment you have come to expect from the applicant. (Ratings are
1--truly outstanding [top 10%]; 2--superior; 3--above average; 4--average; 5--below average; x--inadequate
knowledge to rate.)

- () A. Intellectual ability () E. Ability in written expression
() B. Mastery of fundamental knowledge in his/her general field () F. Ability in oral expression
() C. Motivation and drive () G. Adequacy of ability for research
() D. Scholarship () H. Emotional maturity and stability
() I. Self-reliance and independence

It would be helpful if you could cite special indicators bearing upon the applicant's qualifications. For non-U.S.
citizens: Please indicate degree of English proficiency for teaching duties. (Please use the back of this form.)

How far do you think this applicant will progress? (check one)
_____ Will probably complete the doctorate.
_____ Will probably complete the master's degree.
_____ Is not likely to complete any graduate degree.
_____ Is not likely to complete a graduate degree without excessive help.

I have been acquainted with this applicant during the period of: _____ to _____
as _____ (teacher, advisor, supervisor, other).

NAME: (print or type) _____ POSITION: _____

INSTITUTION: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____