



## Church Recommendation - Confidential Information

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Degree/Program \_\_\_\_\_

The Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974 gives you the right to inspect letters of recommendation written in support of applications for admission. The act also permits you to waive your right to see letters of recommendation.

I waive my right to inspect this letter.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I do not waive my right to inspect this letter.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please note: This letter will not be considered unless dated and signed by the applicant.**

The above named student is seeking admission to Bethany Theological Seminary. You have been asked to provide an evaluation to help the admissions committee determine whether or not the applicant should be admitted. We request your candid appraisal of the applicant's capacity for graduate study and ministry service following graduation. After the committee has made its decision, this reference and all others submitted on the applicant's behalf will be destroyed, and it will therefore not be part of the student's educational record if he or she matriculates at Bethany.

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: you are welcome to attach a letter addressing the questions below, if you so desire, rather than writing or typing on this form.)

1) How long, and in what capacity have you known this applicant?

Please rate the applicant for each of the following characteristics. Comments, in addition to the rankings, are invited.

2) Character and emotional maturity: high 6 5 4 3 2 1 low don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments:

3) Level of applicant's congregational involvement: high 6 5 4 3 2 1 low don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments:

4) Depth of applicant's awareness and discernment of faith issues: high 6 5 4 3 2 1 low don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments:

5) Potential for service and leadership in the church: high 6 5 4 3 2 1 low don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments:

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- 6) Please provide a brief statement of strengths the applicant would bring to a degree program.
- 7) Please provide a brief statement of anything that might prove difficult for the applicant related to a degree program.
- 8) Additional comments that may be helpful to the admissions committee.
- 9) Overall recommendation of applicant:  
 Highly recommend    Recommend    Recommend with reservation    Do not recommend
- Additional Comments:

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return directly to the Admissions Office of Bethany Theological Seminary at the address below: