

**RECOMMENDATION FOR THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
SUNY LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION
(SUNY LSAMP)**

Waiver of Confidentiality Rights by Applicant:

I have asked _____ to complete a recommendation for me in support of my application to the SUNY LS AMP Program. I hereby waive my right to inspect the comments appearing on this form. I understand I am not required to waive that right as a condition for the selection process.

Name of Applicant (**printed**)

Applicant Signature

If the student does not sign the above waiver statement, the law specifically reserves to the student the right to access this form.

How long have you known the applicant? _____ months.

What was your relationship to the applicant? _____

CHECK THE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH BEST DESCRIBE THE APPLICANT:

ANALYTICAL ABILITY

- Exceptionally critical thinker
- Clear thinker
- Average analytical thinker
- Poor analytical ability
- Not observed

EMOTIONAL STABILITY AND MATURITY

- Mature, poised and inspiring
- Confident; Well adjusted
- Average Maturity
- Immature; Variable
- Emotional problems

ABILITY TO DO CREATIVE RESEARCH

- Exceptionally creative and original
- Adapts and uses new ideas readily
- Responds to suggestions; Average
- Lacks the aptitude for research
- No opportunity to observe

REACTION TO CRITICISM

- Invites criticism; Strives to improve
- Accepts correction; Shows improvement
- Avoids criticism; Justifies mistakes
- Resents criticism
- No opportunity to observe

WRITING ABILITY

- Accurate, clear and concise
- Above average writing skills
- Average written expression
- Poor writing ability
- No opportunity to observe

DEPENDABILITY AND INTEGRITY

- Absolutely reliable and trustworthy
- Dependable in most cases
- Average dependability
- Cannot be trusted
- No opportunity to observe

ACCURACY OF WORK

- Exceptionally accurate
- Makes only minor mistakes
- Satisfactory accuracy; Average
- Makes numerous and repeated errors
- No opportunity to observe

INITIATIVE AND MOTIVATION

- Self-starter; Creates own job
- Works with little help and supervision
- Average initiative; requires direction
- Requires much urging
- No opportunity to observe

ACADEMIC ABILITY

Superior
 Good
 Average
 Poor
 Not observed

ORAL EXPRESSION

Superior
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WORK HABITS

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POTENTIAL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

B.S. unlikely to complete M.S.
 M.S. (terminally)-unlikely for Ph.D.
 M.S. (certainty)-probable Ph.D.
 Ph.D. (definitely)
 Inadequate opportunity to evaluate

PLEASE CIRCLE APPLICABLE TERMS WHICH BEST DESCRIBE THE PERSONALITY OF THE APPLICANT:

Polite; Boisterous; Ill-Mannered; Meek; Presumptuous; Disagreeable; Aggressive; Argumentative;
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Negligent; Conscientious; Arrogant.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (Please list the STRENGTHS and WEAKNESSES of the applicant, as well as any additional comments):

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100 95 90 85 80 75 70 65 60 55 50 45 35 30 25 10 5 0

YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPLICANT’S ADMISSION FOR THE PROGRAM (Please check one)

Very Highly Recommended Recommended Recommended with reservations Not Recommended

NAME (PRINT & SIGN) _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Thank you for your recommendation.

Please return this form to:
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WRITTEN EXPRESSION

- Superior
- Good
- Average
- Disorderly
- No opportunity to observe

ACADEMIC ABILITY

- Superior
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- Poor
- Not observed

ORAL EXPRESSION

- Superior
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