

# RECOMMENDATION FOR THE LOUIS STOKES ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION (LSAMP) PROGRAM BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

## WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY RIGHTS BY APPLICANT

I have asked \_\_\_\_\_ to complete a recommendation for me in support of my application to the LSAMP 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? \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

What was your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

## MAXIMUM POTENTIAL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

- \_\_\_ Bachelor's – unlikely to complete Master's
- \_\_\_ Master's (terminally) – unlikely for Ph.D.
- \_\_\_ Master's (certainty) – probable Ph.D.
- \_\_\_ Ph.D. (definitely)
- \_\_\_ Inadequate opportunity to evaluate

ACADEMIC ABILITY	ORAL EXPRESSION	WORK HABITS	WORK SPEED
___ Superior	___ Superior	___ Superior	___ Superior
___ Good	___ Good	___ Good	___ Good
___ Average	___ Average	___ Average	___ Average
___ Poor	___ Poor	___ Poor	___ Poor
___ Not observed	___ Not observed	___ Not observed	___ Not observed

**PLEASE RATE THE APPLICANT'S OVERALL ACADEMIC PROMISE, COMPARING THEM TO ALL OTHER STUDENT WITH WHOM YOU HAVE CLOSE CONTACT AT THE SAME STAGE IN THEIR ACADEMIC CAREERS. CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE PERCENTILE VALUE (100 = HIGHEST; 0 = LOWEST)**

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**CHECK THE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH BEST DESCRIBE THE APPLICANT:**

**ANALYTICAL ABILITY**

- Exceptionally critical thinker
- Clear thinker
- Average analytical thinker
- Poor analytical ability
- No opportunity to observe

**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

**WRITING ABILITY**

- Accurate, clear, and concise
- Above average writing ability
- Average writing ability
- Poor writing ability
- 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

**EMOTIONAL STABILITY AND MATURITY**

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

**REACTION TO CRITICISM**

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

**DEPENDABILITY AND INTEGRITY**

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

**INITIATIVE AND MOTIVATION**

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

**YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPLICANT'S ADMISSION FOR THE PROGRAM**

- Very highly recommended
- Recommended
- Recommended with reservations
- Not recommended

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Please list the **STRENGTHS** and **WEAKNESSES** of the applicant, as well as any additional comments (attach an additional page if necessary):

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RECOMMENDER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your recommendation.

**Return to: Dr. Sandra D. Washington-Copeland  
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