MSW Reference Form
The University of Mississippi
Department of Social Work – Master of Social Work (MSW) Program

Applicant’s name_________________________________________________________

Applicant’s address_____________________________________________________

Check one:  Regular Program ______ or Advance Standing Program ________

To the applicant:  I waive ___ do not waive ____ the right to examine this evaluation and
any supplemental documents or reference letters submitted as part of this assessment.
Applicant’s signature __________________________________  Date __________

This section is to be completed by the reference writer:

How long have you known the applicant? __________ in what capacity(ies) (professor,
academic advisor, field instructor, work supervisor, others)?

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Please answer these questions:

To what degree do you think the applicant has the ability to practice without bias with
diverse and vulnerable populations?

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To what degree do you think the applicant is open and responsive to evaluation by peers,
instructors, and supervisors?
To what degree do you think the applicant is capable of developing positive working relationships with clients and agency personnel?

If the applicant is applying to the Advanced Standing MSW Program, to what extent do you believe the applicant is ready to do advanced level work in the classroom and field practicum?

Please rate the applicant in each of the areas listed below.

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1. Motivation to complete graduate school
2. Intellectual ability
3. Critical thinking skills
4. Creativity
5. Willingness to work
6. Interpersonal skills
7. Breadth of general knowledge
8. Oral communication skills
9. Written communication skills
10. Ability to work independently
11. Maturity
12. Integrity
13. Leadership ability

According to the program checked by the applicant, please indicate the strength of your overall recommendation of the applicant for either the Regular or Advanced Standing Program.

Regular MSW Program:
Highly recommend    Recommend    Recommend with reservations    Do not recommend

Advance Standing MSW Program:
Highly recommend    Recommend    Recommend with reservations    Do not recommend

Please write any additional comments on the back or attach a separate letter of reference.

Rater’s Signature _____________________________________________________________
Rater’s Title and Employer ____________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________________________
Telephone Number ___________________________ email address _____________________

Please place all pages in the envelope provided and sign across the seal before giving it to the applicant.