

**Portland State University  
Graduate Studies in Sociology  
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**To be completed by the applicant**

**Name of applicant (*please print*):**

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*In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I give permission to release confidential information for the purpose of applying to the Department of Sociology Graduate Program.*

*I (check one) [  ] do [  ] do not waive my right to review this letter of reference.*

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**To the Referee:**

The above person is applying for admission to the graduate program in Sociology at Portland State University. The Sociology Graduate committee will appreciate your honest evaluation of the applicant.

1. On the attached chart, please rank the applicant's potential in graduate studies in comparison to other students that you have known over the past five years.
2. Please attach a letter that explains your rankings and additional comments on the applicant. Include how long you have known the applicant and in what capacity, her/his creativity, independence, responsibility, pertinent accomplishments, and general promise for graduate studies in sociology.

*Please send completed recommendation form directly to:*

**Department of Sociology  
Attn: Graduate Director  
Portland State University  
P.O. Box 751  
Portland, OR 97207-0751**

