

## CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE LETTER

- TO BE COMPLETED BY AN ACADEMIC OR PROFESSIONAL REFEREE
- PRINT CAREFULLY
- REFERENCE LETTERS ARE TO BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE, ENDORSED ACROSS THE BACK SEAL, AND RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT. APPLICANTS ARE NOT TO OPEN THE ENVELOPE. IF A REFEREE IS RELUCTANT TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE, FORWARD THE LETTER IN A SEALED ENDORSED ENVELOPE TO RESEARCH & GRADUATE STUDIES, NOVA SCOTIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, P.O. BOX 550, TRURO, NS, CANADA, B2N 5E3.

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE PASSING TO REFEREE**

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT:

DEGREE TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL:

THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFEREE. THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. THE PURPOSE OF THE REFERENCE IS TO ASSESS THE ABILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO UNDERTAKE ADVANCED STUDIES AND RESEARCH. ONCE COMPLETED, RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM, SIGNED AND SEALED IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, TO THE APPLICANT OR SEND THE REFERENCE TO RESEARCH & GRADUATE STUDIES, NOVA SCOTIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, P.O. BOX 550, TRURO, NS, CANADA, B2N 5E3.

NAME OF REFEREE:

POSITION/RANK:

INSTITUTION:

E-MAIL:

TELEPHONE:

FAX:

MAILING ADDRESS:

### KNOWLEDGE OF APPLICANT

IN REPLY TO: WHAT CAPACITY (EG. TEACHER, SUPERVISOR, EMPLOYER) HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT (YEARS/MONTHS)?

TO APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY STUDENTS IN THE PAST 5 YEARS AND AT THE SAME LEVEL OF STUDY ARE YOU COMPARING THE APPLICANT?

IF YOU HAVE NOT KNOWN THE APPLICANT IN AN ACADEMIC OR RESEARCH CAPACITY, PLEASE INDICATE THE BASIS UPON WHICH YOU FEEL YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSESS THE APPLICANT'S CAPABILITY FOR STUDIES AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL:

### SPECIFIC ABILITIES

FOR EACH CATEGORY, PLACE A CHECKMARK UNDER THE MOST APPROPRIATE COLUMN.	OUTSTANDING (TOP 5%)	SUPERIOR (5-10%)	GOOD (10-25%)	AVERAGE (25-50%)	MARGINAL/POOR (LOWER 50%)	NO BASIS FOR JUDGEMENT
PAST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SCHOLARLY PROMISE:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
INDEPENDENT RESEARCH/STUDY CAPABILITY:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY—WRITTEN:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ENGLISH PROFICIENCY—ORAL:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CREATIVITY:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RESOURCEFULNESS:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABILITY TO MEET DEADLINES:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OVERALL, I WOULD RATE THIS STUDENT AS:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

