



LETTER OF REFERENCE

Instruction to the Applicant:

Please fill out your name and then give this form to a teacher acquainted with your education and academic abilities.

Last/family name

First/given name

Instruction to the Teacher:

- A. The person named above is applying for admission to the Graduate Program in the Department of Physics at New Mexico State University.
- B. Please complete this form and mail it directly to the Department of Physics using the address at the top. Alternatively, you may place this form in a sealed and signed envelope, and then ask the student to return it together with other application material.
- C. The information given in this recommendation will be considered confidential and will be used in the selection process only.

1. Please rank the applicant against other _____ (please specify; *e.g.*, 40) students in a comparison group that consists of _____ (please specify; *e.g.*, undergraduate physics students at XYZ University):

	Outstanding (top 10%)	Superior (11–25%)	Above average (26–40%)	Average (41–60%)	Below average (bottom 40%)	Inadequate knowledge to rank
Intellectual ability						
Mastery of physics knowledge						
Ability in research						
Ability in oral expression						
Ability in written expression						
Motivation and drive						
Work ethic						

2. How far do you think this applicant will progress? (Check one)

- Will probably complete the doctoral degree.
- Will probably complete the master's degree.
- Is not likely to complete a graduate degree without excessive help.
- Is not likely to complete any graduate degree.
- It is difficult for me to predict because I do not know the applicant well.

3. I would be pleased to have the applicant work under my direction as a (check all that apply):

- Graduate teaching assistant. Graduate research assistant. Doctoral candidate.
- Master's candidate. Other. Please specify: _____

4. It would be helpful if you could cite special indications bearing upon the applicant's qualification as cited above. The back of this form or another sheet of paper may be used.

(For a non-U.S. applicant, please also evaluate the English proficiency of the applicant for teaching duties.)

5. I have been acquainted with this applicant during the period from _____ (month, year) to _____

as a _____ (teacher, supervisor, other). Name: _____

Institution: _____ Position: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____