

# PERSONAL REFERENCE

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for admission to Cornerstone University and has given your name as a reference. Serious consideration is given to this recommendation, and therefore we request that you complete the form carefully and candidly, and return it directly to **Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, Admissions Office, 1001 E. Beltline NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.**

## APPLICANT

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students enrolled at Cornerstone University have access to their admission records, including letters of recommendation. However, students may waive their right to see letters of recommendation whereupon such letters will be held in confidence. If the applicant has not signed a waiver, it is assumed that this letter is submitted with the recommender's understanding that the applicant, once registered at Cornerstone University, may request to see the letter. The alternative selected below by the applicant will not affect consideration of the application for admission.

- As applicant, I retain my right of access to this recommendation.  
 As applicant, I waive my right of access to this recommendation.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## REFERENCE

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity (i.e., friend, pastor)?

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2. How would you describe your present relationship with the applicant? (circle one check mark)

✓	✓	✓	✓
I do not know him/her well	We casually know each other	We have regular personal interaction	We have a close relationship

3. Does the applicant have healthy interpersonal interactions and relationships?  
If no, please explain  Yes  No

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4. Do you believe the applicant is motivated, ready, and appropriately mature for graduate education?  
If no, please explain  Yes  No

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5. From your perspective, is the applicant financially stable and living within his/her means?  
If no, please explain  Yes  No

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6. Do you place full confidence in the applicant's integrity based on his/her history?  
If no, please explain  Yes  No

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7. Do you have concerns regarding how the applicant relates with people of varied cultural, economic, education, racial, and religious backgrounds?  
If yes, please explain  Yes  No

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8. How would you describe the applicant in the following areas? (circle one check mark)

✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Does not work well with a team							Strong teamwork abilities
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emotionally unstable							Emotionally stable
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Poor conflict resolution skills							Strong conflict resolution skills
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Irresponsible							Responsible
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gives up easily							Demonstrates perseverance

9. Comment on the applicant's strengths and areas that need growth.

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10. Do you personally recommend this applicant to pursue graduate theological education?

- I recommend the applicant without reservation
- I have some reservations, but still recommend the applicant for admission.

Please explain

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- I have substantial concerns about the applicant and do not recommend him/her to Cornerstone.

Please explain

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Please provide comments and/or concerns not covered by the previous questions

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Printed Name

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Signature

Date

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Organization

Position/Title

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Address

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E-mail

Phone

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Are you a CU/GRTS alumnus/a?  Yes  No



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