

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Political Science
Master of Public Administration

Academic Reference Letter

The candidate for admission should sign, date, and circle their preference below:
 I do/do not waive the right to examine this reference letter.

 Candidate Signature

 Date

_____ has applied for admission to the Idaho State University Master of Public Administration (MPA) program in political science. You have been chosen by the applicant as a reference. Please answer the questions below. Please **return this sheet** and answer questions 1-5 in the form of a **reference letter on a separate sheet of paper**.

1. In what capacity do you know the applicant?
2. How long have you known the applicant?
3. Please discuss the applicant's academic strengths.
4. Please discuss the applicant's academic weaknesses.
5. Do you think that the applicant is ready to undertake graduate school work? Why or why not?
6. In terms of college students that you have been associated with where would you rate this applicant in terms of overall academic ability? Please place a check under each criterion that indicates your rating of the candidate's ability.

Rating	Verbal Ability	Writing Ability	Research Skills	Dependability	Motivation to Succeed
Top 10%					
Top 11% - 25%					
Top 26% - 50%					
Below top 50%					

Please sign and date your review

 Reference Writer

Date_____