



*Professional Recommendation*  
*Master of Science in Education*



**TO THE APPLICANT:**

The Family Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 provides that certain educational records may be open to students at their request. The act also provides that in the case of recommendations, the institution may request, but not require, the student to waive his or her right to read confidential recommendations. Please indicate below whether or not you will waive your right to read the recommendation on this form and sign your name.

I do  I do not waive my right to read this confidential recommendation.

Applicant Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TO THE PERSON COMPLETING THIS RECOMMENDATION:**

Nyack has selective admissions and has a personalized review process. Accordingly, the assessment staff will be viewing the applicant's records, including courses pursued, grades received and scores from standardized tests. These alone cannot predict the applicant's personal and professional promise, and so you are asked to present one reference that is directed to the applicant's ability in the areas listed below. We appreciate your willingness to complete this form.

Name of Professional Giving the Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ How well do you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

Some talented individuals make mediocre scholastic records. Is the applicant's scholastic record, as you know it, an accurate index of his or her scholastic ability?  Yes  No  Don't know

**Letter of reference.** It would greatly help us in our selection process if you would elaborate in an attached letter on the intellectual or personality assets and/or liabilities which would influence the person's training and practice in professional education.

**Additionally, please rate the applicant on several qualities on the next side.**

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**RELATIVE RATINGS OF THE APPLICANT:** In rating the applicant for the areas indicated below, please keep in mind the comparison group you state below (college seniors, first year graduate students, professional educator, or other).

Comparison Group \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Ability and Educational Knowledge

Written Expression	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Verbal Expression	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Growth Potential	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Content Knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Knowledge of Educational Theorists	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe

### Teaching Ability

Instructional Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Instructional Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Interdisciplinary Connection	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Use of Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Commitment to Standards	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Classroom Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Classroom Management	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Envisions & Creates a Positive Learning Environment	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe
Professionalism	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> above average	<input type="checkbox"/> average	<input type="checkbox"/> poor	<input type="checkbox"/> no chance to observe

**Summary Rating:** Overall intellectual ability and effectiveness as an educator...

lowest 15%       middle 50%       upper 10%       upper 5%       upper 1%

Please give your candid recommendation of this applicant for admission to one of Nyack's graduate education programs.

For academic promise...

enthusiastically recommended       strongly recommended       recommended       not recommended

For character and personal promise...

enthusiastically recommended       strongly recommended       recommended       not recommended

Overall recommendation...

enthusiastically recommended       strongly recommended       recommended       not recommended

Signature of Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_