

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCES GRADUATE PROGRAM - GEOPHYSICS

Personal Reference

This form to be completed by the Applicant and an Endorser and returned by the Endorser to the Coordinator of the Geophysics Graduate Program at Boise State University (see address on page 2).

PART I — To be completed by Applicant

Applicant's Name: _____ SSN: _____

I waive (), I do not waive () my right to have access to this Personal Reference Form.

Signature of Applicant

List courses taken from the person giving the reference:

Course Number	Course Title	When Taken	Grade

Describe any other professional contacts with the person giving the reference:

PART II — To be completed by Endorser

The applicant is applying for admission to the Graduate College at Boise State University to study geophysics and has listed you as a reference. Please complete both pages of this form and return it to the address given on the reverse side.

(If you do not know the student well, feel free to say so; such frankness will not prejudice applicant's chance for acceptance.)

- I do do not know the student's academic abilities well enough to give the applicant a recommendation.
- Summary evaluation: Consider the set of all students known to you in the same field of study as the applicant and with approximately the same amount of experience and training. How do you rate the applicant in GENERAL ALL-AROUND SCHOLARLY ABILITY?

Please check educational level of representative group with whom the applicant is most closely compared:

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|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Junior | <input type="checkbox"/> College Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> First Year Graduate Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Graduate Student |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Truly Exceptional | Equivalent to the very best you have known— a person, who in your experience, appears only every few years. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding | Upper 5 % | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Unusual | Upper 10 % | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | Upper 15 % | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Above Average | Upper 25 % | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Average | Upper 50 % | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average | Lower 50 % | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Not recommended for Graduate Study | | |

3. Some gifted individuals make mediocre scholastic records. In your opinion, is the applicant's scholastic record, as you know it, an accurate index of his/her scholastic ability? Yes No Don't know. If your answer is "No", please explain briefly, possibly giving consideration to the applicant's performance in independent study or in research participation programs.

4. Do you know of any matters related to character and responsibility or to physical and mental health which should be considered in planning for the applicant's work?

5. What is your estimate of the applicant's promise as a graduate student? (Give views on such matters as previous accomplishments, intellectual independence, capacity for analytical thinking, ability to work with others, ability to organize and express ideas clearly, both orally and in writing, drive and motivation). Please attach your comments if more convenient.

6. $\left. \begin{array}{l} I \square \textit{would} \\ I \square \textit{would not} \end{array} \right\}$ be pleased to have the applicant working under my direction as a

Research Assistant Teaching Assistant

Signature _____ Date _____

Name printed or typed _____ Title _____

Institution _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please return this form to: Coordinator, Geophysics Graduate Program
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