

# Student Reference

In relation to an application to study at Westminster Presbyterian Theological Seminary

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*Applicants Name and Date of Birth*

Type of Reference:

Character    Academic    Pastoral

*\* Please tick the type of reference you are best equipped to provide*

Referees are reminded of their responsibility to provide a balanced, accurate and fair statement to inform academic selection.

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**To be completed by referee, who should not be a family member. Please print legibly.**

Referee's name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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Referee's job title \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what context have you known the applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your understanding of the applicant's ministerial goals

Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas. Make comments on the back of this sheet for any Below Average or Poor responses. Feel free to use that space for any other comments as well.

Outstanding      Above Average      Average      Below Average      Poor      No Information

Character (moral and spiritual integrity)

Judgement

Emotional stability

Maturity

Commitment to vocational ministry

Potential for effective ministry

Skill in relating to others

Financial responsibility

Spouse/family relations

Academic/intellectual abilities

Leadership potential

Do you know of any physical, mental or emotional problems which might hinder effective work in Christian ministry?

**YES**       **NO**      *If yes, please elaborate*

Do you know of any personal habits (e.g., sexual behavior, drug or alcohol use) or prejudices which might hamper such ministry?

**YES**       **NO**      *If yes, please elaborate*

Do you know of any physical, mental or emotional problems which might hinder the applicant's academic progress?

**YES**       **NO**      *If yes, please elaborate*

How do you perceive the attitude of the applicant's spouse/fiancé toward his seminary education and vocational Christian ministry?

**VERY POSITIVE**     **LARGELY POSITIVE**     **SHE HAS RESERVATIONS**     **NOT APPLICABLE**

*Please elaborate:*

Do you expect to be able to recommend this person for a position of pastoral ministry in a church in due course?

**YES**       **NO**      *Elaborate if you wish:*

Do you recommend this person for admission?

**YES WITH CONFIDENCE**     **YES WITH SOME RESERVATIONS**     **NO, NOT WHOLEHEARTEDLY**

*Elaborate if you wish:*

What characteristics do you consider to be the greatest strengths of the applicant?

What characteristics do you consider to be the greatest weaknesses of the applicant?

Additional Comments:

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**Referee's Signature**

**Date**

Thank you for your thoughtful responses. Please return this form to [jonathan.winch@wpts.org.uk](mailto:jonathan.winch@wpts.org.uk) or by post to  
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