

Student Reference

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

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.

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:

Referee's Signature

Date

Thank you for your thoughtful responses. Please return this form to jonathan.winch@wpts.org.uk or by post to
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