

**BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
GRADUATE ADMISSIONS
PERSONAL REFERENCE**

This form to be completed by the Applicant and the Reference and returned by the Reference to the History Department at Boise State University (see address on reverse side).

PART I – To be completed by Applicant

Applicant's Name: _____ Address: _____
 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:

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

PART II – To be completed by Reference:

- I do do not know the students academic abilities well enough to give the applicant a recommendation.
- Summary evaluation: Overall scholarly ability. In comparison with a representative group (see note below) of students in the same field who have had approximately the same amount of experience and training, how do you rate the applicant in GENERAL ALL-AROUND SCHOLARLY ABILITY?

- Truly Exceptional Equivalent to the very best you have known – a person who, in your experience, appears only every few years.
- Superior Comparable to the best student in current class. Highest 5% .
- Outstanding Next highest 5%.
- Good Ability easily identifiable, but not in upper 10%. Probably in upper 15%.
- Above Average Probably upper 25%.
- Average Upper 50%.
- Below Average Lower 50%, but recommended.
- Not recommended for Graduate Study

If you prefer, a separate letter may be attached that addresses the following three points.

3. Some gifted individuals have mediocre scholastic records. In your opinion, is the applicant's scholastic record as you know it, an accurate indicator 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.

4. Do you know any matters related to character and responsibility or to physical and mental health which should be considered in planning the applicants 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 both orally and in writing, drive and motivation.)

6. I would would not employ the student as a Research Assistant Teaching Assistant.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name printed or typed _____ Title _____

Institution _____ Phone _____

Please return this form to:

Coordinator, Graduate Program
History Department
Boise State University
1910 University Drive
Boise, Idaho 83725-1925