



STUDENT SECTION To be completed by applicant (Please print clearly).

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Program for which you are applying:

- Master of Divinity
- MTS Openseminary (Ministry in Context)
- Master of Theological Studies
- MTS in Latino/a Ministries
- MDiv/MA in International Development

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/her rights to read confidential recommendations. Please indicate below whether or not you will waive your right to read the recommendation on this form, then sign your name.

- I waive my rights to read this confidential recommendation.
- I do not waive my rights to read this confidential recommendation.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

RECOMMENDER SECTION To be completed by the evaluator (Please print clearly).

The person named above has applied for admission to Palmer Theological Seminary. Please evaluate the applicant by completing this form.

Note: A relative may not be chosen as a reference.

If the applicant is accepted for admission to Palmer, your reference may serve as a baseline for mentor/colleague feedback, and may become part of the student's file in the Office of Student Formation. Since realistic feedback is essential to genuine growth, we appreciate your candor. Please use separate sheets as necessary.

Name _____ Email _____

Position _____ Phone _____

Address _____

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

2. How recently have you had significant contact with the applicant? _____

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There are several characteristics/qualities that could affect both the applicant's success as a seminary student and his or her subsequent ministry. Please check the appropriate box for each characteristic/quality:

| Characteristic/Quality | Unable to Judge | Weak | Average | Strong |
|---|-----------------|------|---------|--------|
| Committed to Christ | | | | |
| Has vibrant, growing faith | | | | |
| Committed to Christian Community | | | | |
| Able to think critically | | | | |
| Willing to learn from others | | | | |
| Has leadership ability | | | | |
| Takes initiative | | | | |
| Relationally comfortable and appropriate | | | | |
| Compassionate | | | | |
| Open and vulnerable | | | | |
| Listens to and hears others | | | | |
| Interacts constructively with diverse views | | | | |
| Willing to accept constructive feedback | | | | |
| Able and willing to be self-reflective | | | | |
| Cooperative and collegial | | | | |
| Dependable | | | | |
| Emotionally stable | | | | |
| Affirms self and others | | | | |
| A person of integrity | | | | |
| Able to balance competing personal and professional demands | | | | |
| Sets clear and appropriate boundaries | | | | |

Recommendation: (Check one).

| | Not Recommended | Recommended | Highly Recommended |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Potential as a Student | | | |
| Potential for Ministry | | | |

Declaration

I attest this is my best assessment of the applicant as I know him or her.

Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____

Explanatory comments about the applicant's characteristics and qualities, your recommendation, and other issues are welcome.

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please seal your recommendation and sign across the seal, then mail directly to:

Palmer Theological Seminary
 Graduate and Professional Studies Admissions
 1300 Eagle Road
 St. Davids, PA 19087