

Furman / USC School of Medicine-Greenville Early Acceptance Program Recommendation Form

Letter of Evaluation For: _____

Furman ID# _____

Recommender Name: _____

Applicant: Before you give this form to an evaluator acquainted with your qualifications for pursuing a health career, please check and sign, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

I hereby waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation.
 do not waive

Applicant Signature

Date

The above student is applying to the Early Acceptance Program at the USC-Greenville School of Medicine as a rising junior. The student has been given a deadline of December 1st of the junior year to ensure that all application materials arrive in the Office of Pre-Professional Advising.

Students applying to medical school are required to submit letters of evaluation that detail that student's fitness for the profession. The admissions committee depends on the candid evaluations in order to select those students who are best suited to this demanding profession. Below are some suggestions for writing a letter of evaluation that the Office of Health Careers Advisor will copy and append to the Furman composite evaluation that will be included with the application.

In your letter confirm the length of time the student spent under your supervision, a brief description of the course or project undertaken by the student, and the work the student accomplished. Other comments that could be made if applicable are as follows:

- Interest and enthusiasm shown by the student
- Promptness and reliability in meeting whatever agenda was agreed upon
- Initiative shown by the student in asking questions and requesting certain experiences
- Appropriate balance between seeking help when necessary and showing suitable independence
- Ability to understand quickly any explanations given
- Cooperativeness
- Willingness to put in extra time
- Communication skills
- Problem solving skills
- Manual dexterity
- Efficiency, neatness, and organization
- Ability to get along well with others in the lab
- Suitability for health professional school.

Comments that are specific and include examples are preferred to more general type statements.

Please return this form with your letter on official letterhead addressed to:

Health Careers Advisor
Office of Pre-Professional Advising
Furman University
3300 Poinsett Highway
Greenville, SC 29613

OR email a scanned copy (on official letterhead) to: john.banisaukas@furman.edu

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Applicant: _____ Evaluator: _____

Please evaluate the applicant by checking the appropriate column for each characteristic listed. Rate students on how they compare to other students you have taught or other students in your department or with whom you have worked. Please attach this sheet to your letter of evaluation and mail to the Health Careers Advisor at the address below or email a scanned copy. This form will accompany your letter in the letter packet assembled by the Health Careers Advisor.

	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 15%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Lower 50%	No basis for evaluation
Intellectual Abilities:							
Ability to learn facts							
Ability to reason clearly							
Intellectual curiosity							
Intellectual honesty							
Adaptability to new knowledge & changing conditions							
Ability to learn outside prescribed channels							
Initiative in independent study							
Character Traits:							
Motivation & industry							
Personal standards of achievement							
Thoroughness							
Performance under pressure							
Consistency of performance							
Reliability							
Emotional stability & maturity of judgement							
Breadth of interests							
Interpersonal Skills:							
Communication skills							
Cooperation with others							
Warmth in relating to people							
Respect for the rights of others							
Social awareness & concern for others							

Overall Evaluation:

- _____ Best Student This Year
- _____ Exceptional (Top 5%)
- _____ Outstanding (Top 10%)
- _____ Excellent (Top 15%)
- _____ Very Good (Top 25%)
- _____ Average (Top 50%)
- _____ Below Average (Lower 50%)
- _____ Not Recommended

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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