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School of Social Work

Ph.D. Program in Social Welfare - Ph.D. Reference Form

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Name of Applicant: _____
(Please print last, first, middle initial)

To Applicant:

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, if accepted into the Ph.D. Program in Social Welfare at the University of Hawaii, you will have the right to access any and all letters of reference. Waiver of this right is voluntary. Please sign below if you wish to make this a confidential reference by waiving your right of access to it.

Applicant's signature

Date

To Reference:

The person named above has applied for admission to the Ph.D. Program in Social Welfare at the University of Hawai'i School of Social Work. The purpose of the doctoral program is to prepare students for leadership roles in social work education, the profession of social work, and the field of social welfare. The doctoral program advances the School's mission to generate, transmit, and apply knowledge regarding the relationship between social problems and effective professional practice. In particular, the program encourages advanced level scholarly inquiry to enhance knowledge through an understanding of Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander and Asian culture of our communities, state, and the Pacific Region.

Instructions:

- Please complete this reference form and attach a reference letter.
- Return both pages of this form and your reference letter to the applicant sealed in an envelope with your signature across the back flap of the envelope.

The deadline for the applicant to submit a completed application, including your reference, is January 15th (or the next business day if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday).

Name of Applicant:

In order to evaluate this applicant for the Ph.D. Program in Social Welfare, we would appreciate your **letter** discussing the following areas:

1. Intellectual capacity for research and scholarship.
2. Ability to communicate orally and in writing.
3. Ability to use initiative and work independently.
4. Motivation and perseverance.
5. Ability and interest in multi-cultural and diversity issues.

Rating Scale Evaluation - We would appreciate your evaluation of the applicant relative to those in other Ph.D. programs, on the following rating scale.

	Outstanding (Top 2%)	Excellent (Top 10%)	Good (Top 25%)	Average (Top 50%)	Below Average (Below 50%)	Inadequate Opportunity to Observe
Intellectual capacity for research and scholarship						
Ability to communicate orally						
Ability to communicate in writing						
Motivation and perseverance						
Ability and interest in multi-cultural and diversity issues						
Ability to use initiative and work independently						

Your name and degrees (please print) _____

Position or title _____

Institution _____

Address _____

How long and in what context have you known the applicant? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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