



ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
 DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL WORK

TO THE REFERENCE: The above named is applying for admission into the Alabama A&M University Ph.D. Program in Social Work. The candidate has given your name as a person having knowledge of his or her potential for undertaking the rigors of doctoral education. Please be candid in your assessment of the candidate. Your statements will be held in confidence and should be uploaded into the Graduate School’s application portal as indicated in the instructions which were emailed to you.

The school’s decision on the applicant cannot be made until your reference form has been received. We appreciate your completion of the full reference form.

NOTE ON CONFIDENTIALITY: Applicants for admission do not have access to their application records. Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, only registered students and alumni have access to their educational records. This reference will be used solely for the purpose of determining whether or not the applicant should be admitted to AAMU. This reference will be removed from the accepted student’s file and destroyed when the student has matriculated.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please rate the applicant relative to other students, employees, or people interested in social work whom you have known.

	Exceptional (Top 5%)	Superior (Top 10%)	Good (Top 25%)	Average (Top 50%)	Below Average (Bottom 50%)	Not Observed
Academic Performance						
Intellectual Ability						
Maturity						
Oral Skills						
Written Skills						
Ability to Think Critically						
Capacity for Leadership						
Ability to work Independently						

3. In addition to demonstrating personal qualities such as intellect, maturity, capacity for self-awareness, and embodiment of the core values of the profession of social work, Ph.D. Program applicants should demonstrate the intellectual capacity and motivation and to successfully persist through the rigors of doctoral education. In the space below, please assess the applicant's potential to complete a doctoral program in social work.

4. I would:

- Recommend with enthusiasm
- Recommend with confidence
- Recommend with reservations
- Not recommend