

# THE INSTITUTE OF WORLD POLITICS

## Character Recommendation (Required for Master of Arts Applicants)

**To the Applicant:** Please complete this section and submit this recommendation form, along with a stamped envelope, to the person providing the recommendation (who should be one of your professors). This recommendation will become part of your admission file and will not be disclosed to any unauthorized individual without your consent.

I understand my right under the US *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974* (20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 C.F.R. 99.1-99.67) to review confidential appraisals placed in my file that are submitted pertinent to admission to IWP.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do \_\_\_\_\_ do not waive my right to review this reference report.\*

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*agreeing to waive FERPA right to review is not a condition of admission to IWP.

**To the Recommender:** The Institute of World Politics is an independent graduate school of national security and international affairs, dedicated to helping create leaders who are professionally skilled in statecraft, i.e., the use of the various instruments of power in service of vital national interests, peace and security, and who are guided by prudential judgment and sound ethics. The purpose of this recommendation is to assist us in determining whether the applicant possesses the *personal character traits and leadership qualities* necessary for success in the program and in subsequent professional work; or, as a worthy candidate for a financial aid award and/or scholarship. The applicant named above will have access to this recommendation unless he/she has waived that right. **Please sign and return this form in a sealed envelope to the address located at the bottom of this page.** The Admissions and Financial Aid Committees greatly appreciate your cooperation in providing an evaluation of the applicant's potential as a graduate student at The Institute of World Politics.

Recommender's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Company/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity, and for how long, have you known the applicant?

Using the following scale, please rate the applicant by circling the appropriate numerical value:

1 = Exceptional 2 = Very Good 3 = Good  
4 = Fair 5 = Poor NA = No basis for rating

### a. General Personal Character Traits

General moral character	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Personal integrity	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Intellectual integrity	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Analytical skills	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Emotional stability	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Motivation	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Perseverance	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Self-control	1	2	3	4	5	NA
General manners/Courtesy	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Respect toward others	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Responsibility in assignments and undertakings	1	2	3	4	5	NA

Please complete the reverse side of this sheet.

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## b. Leadership Qualities

Thoughtfulness about the needs of others	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Commitment to matters of principle	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Courage	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Ability to think independently and resist pressures to conform to popular or fashionable opinion	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Sense of justice	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Prudence in judgment, particularly concerning controversial issues	1	2	3	4	5	NA
Loyalty	1	2	3	4	5	NA

## c. Personal Remarks

Please include additional remarks you may wish to make regarding this applicant's character as well as his or her ability to succeed in a rigorous program of graduate studies. *Please remember to sign your name below.*

Signature of Recommender \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_