



Master of Social Work Program
Western Kentucky University

VERIFICATION OF GOOD STANDING
Previous Graduate Program

Applicant: _____ Evaluator / Previous Program: _____

To the Student Applicant:

All applicants who have been admitted to the following types of programs that are not completed: BSW programs, MSW programs, clinical programs (such as counseling, pastoral counseling, psychology, etc) or other uncompleted programs are requested to provide certification that they left their previous program in good standing.

This verification of good standing form will become part of your admission file. It will be used only for admissions consideration and will be disclosed only to the admissions committee.

Your signature verifies that you grant the individual(s) named below the right to disclose and obtain information about your education records programs or other clinical programs.

I authorize the release of the following information associated with my previous program or other clinical programs to the person listed below:

Program Director: _____

Signature: _____ **Date** _____
(Student Applicant)

To the Evaluator (chair of the student's previous graduate program):

Under the 1974 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, the applicant named above will have access to this recommendation unless he/she has waived that right. The person named above is applying for admission as a candidate for the degree of Masters of Social Work. This involves not only an intensive program of study, but commitment to a professional career of serious ethical responsibility. You have been selected by the applicant as someone who can verify the student's progress in your Masters Program.

The student who is requesting admission to the MSW program must be of sound intelligence and have the ability to think clearly and communicate effectively. Equally important are basic friendliness and security of personality, exemplified by good relationships with others. Emotional maturity and stability appropriate to the applicant's age are essential. Motivation to enter the field of social work should include an awareness of social issues as well as a deep concern for people.

Although people continue to grow and mature, a person who enters a professional program without a good degree of readiness in all these areas risks failure and at best, is likely to have a difficult and painful experience. Therefore, you can best help the applicant by being frank about his or her limitations as well as strengths. We ask you to answer the questions on the form as fully as possible: additional observations by letter are most welcome. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely
MSW Program Director

Name of student _____

Please answer the following questions as thoughtfully as possible.

1. Did this student leave your program in good standing? Yes No

If no, please elaborate about academic, professional, ethical, legal or other issues that impacted the student's performance:

2. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

3. What do you consider the applicant's major strengths as a candidate for professional education in social work?

4. In what areas, and to what degree, does the applicant need to be strengthened as a potential professional social worker?
5. Has this student demonstrated the ability to work in a collaborative manner with fellow MSW students and faculty? Please note any problems or difficulties that may have been identified by faculty, students or field placement supervisors.
6. Does this student have the ability to appropriately interact with faculty? Please note any problems or difficulties that may have been identified by faculty advisors, classroom teachers, field placement supervisors etc.
7. Are you or your faculty aware of any problems this student might face that would preclude their educational development into a sound professional social worker? (i.e. marked emotional difficulties, drug and/or alcohol abuse, or history of criminal convictions etc.)

8. Summary Evaluation

_____ I strongly recommend the applicant be allowed to enter Western Kentucky University MSW Program

_____ I recommend the applicant be allowed to enter Western Kentucky University MSW Program

_____ I do not recommend this applicant for admission to Western Kentucky University MSW Program

Signature of Evaluator _____

Title _____

Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Upon completion, the evaluator should email this form to mswadmissions@wku.edu