



CONFIDENTIAL: Pastor's Reference Form

This portion is to be completed by the applicant:

Name of Applicant _____

Name of Pastor _____ Position _____

WAIVER OF RIGHT TO ACCESS: I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily waive any right or privilege by Public Law 93-380 to inspect or challenge the content and comments expressed in this reference. I expect that the observations made shall remain confidential between the writer and the Moody Bible Institute.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

(The signing of this waiver is voluntary. It is not required as a condition for admission.)

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE REFERENT: Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application. We realize your time is valuable and we appreciate your willingness to help us. The clearer and more factual you can be enables us to serve the applicant in the best way possible. The person named above is applying for admission to Moody Bible Institute, a Christian institution whose purpose is to train persons for vocations in full-time ministry. It is highly essential that you be frank, fair, and accurate in your remarks and estimation. Please note the provision of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as shown above. Although the applicant may voluntarily waive the right to review this reference, it is hoped that a spirit of openness and candor will exist between the applicant and the referent regarding the contents of this reference. Applicants are required to submit Reference Forms (and other documents) with the application. This ensures that the applicant knows the application is complete when submitted. After completing this form, please place it in the envelope provided, seal the envelope, and sign it across the seal. Return it to the applicant who will forward it, unopened, to Moody Bible Institute with the application materials.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____ years _____ months
2. Are you acquainted with the applicant's spiritual life? _____
Business life? _____
Social life? _____
3. Are the parents saved? _____
Please describe the applicant's home life. _____
4. In what capacities has (s)he been active in your church? _____
5. Has (s)he any significant talents or special abilities? Yes No
Please explain: _____
6. Have you noted any particular personality weaknesses? Yes No
Please explain: _____
7. How would you summarize the applicant's doctrinal position? _____
8. Do you sense in the applicant a desire to pursue full-time Christian ministry? Yes No Unsure
Please explain: _____
9. Have you noted any physical weaknesses or emotional problems that would hinder the applicant in an intensive academic environment? Yes No
Please explain: _____
10. Is the applicant's sexual conduct consistent with biblical standards? Yes No
If no, please explain: _____
11. Does the applicant demonstrate a lifestyle consistent with biblical standards? Yes No
Please explain: _____
12. Are you aware of any criminal or social problems? Yes No
Please explain: _____

Circle the traits that best describe the applicant. (Please circle only one for each trait.)

PERSONALITY TRAITS

1. Spiritual life	No interest in spiritual growth	Small evidence of spiritual growth	Average	Shows growth and separated living	Consistent: mature	Do not know
2. Purposefulness	Aimless; no evident goals	Vacillating in purpose	Average	Self-directed	Strives to realize well-formed goals	Do not know
3. Initiative	Requires constant oversight	Succeeds, if always directed	Average—occasional initiative	Shows good initiative	Actively creative	Do not know
4. Industry	Needs constant prodding	Needs occasional prodding	Perform assigned tasks	Goes beyond what is required	Seeks additional work	Do not know
5. Influence on others	Negative influence	Neither positive nor negative	Occasionally good	Consistently good influence	Positive challenge	Do not know
6. Acceptance by others	Avoided by others	Tolerated by others	Liked by others	Well-liked by others	Sought after by others	Do not know
7. Responsibility	Irresponsible	Shows some dependability	Usually reliable	Conscientiously reliable	Capable of much responsibility	Do not know
8. Leadership	Always a follower	Tries, but usually fails at leadership	Assumes occasional leadership	Good leadership	Inspiring and successful leader	Do not know
9. Emotional qualities	Overly emotional; apathetic	Occasionally unbalanced	Usually well-balanced	Consistently well-balanced	Of unusual emotional stability	Do not know
10. Personal appearance (hygiene)	Very careless	Needs much improvement	Could improve a little	Takes good care of self	Well-groomed	Do not know

Would you recommend that we accept this applicant? No Questionable Yes Strongly so

Please add any further comments you wish about the applicant's spirituality, cooperativeness, tactfulness, good judgment, honesty, and potential for full-time ministry. If you can compare the applicant with others who have attended the school or who are applying for admission, we would welcome such a comparison. Use another sheet of paper if necessary.

Pastor's name (please print) _____

Pastor's signature _____ Date _____

Church and denominational affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Did you attend MBI? Yes No If yes, when? _____

E-mail Address _____

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