

# NYU Silver

Silver School of Social Work

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Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE REFERENCE WRITER:**

Please type or print legibly.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named person is requesting to take courses in our Master of Social Work Program as a non-matriculated student and has given your name as a reference. Your candid assessment of the applicant's potential for graduate social work education would be greatly appreciated. Applicants should be mature and emotionally stable and demonstrate a capacity for self-awareness and personal growth.

1. How long and in what connection or capacity have you known the applicant?

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2. On the chart below, please indicate by number your evaluation of this applicant's ability in each category. Obviously, applicants will be stronger in some areas than in others. Using the 1-5 scale, rank this applicant on each of the following attributes.

Score	Evaluation (Please Circle)						Scale
Analytic ability	1	2	3	4	5	0	<b>1</b> BELOW AVERAGE <b>2</b> AVERAGE <b>3</b> GOOD <b>4</b> VERY GOOD <b>5</b> SUPERIOR <b>0</b> UNABLE TO JUDGE
Intellectual capacity	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Level of maturity and emotional stability	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Ability to be self-examining and self-aware	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Sense of responsibility/follow-through	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Sensitivity to needs and feelings of others	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Ability to respect and work with differences in people (e.g., race, class, culture, and ethnicity)	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Concern and commitment to work toward solving social problems	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Leadership ability	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Willingness to accept direction and/or supervision	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Ability in oral communication	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Ability in written communication	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Motivation for chosen field	1	2	3	4	5	0	
Integrity	1	2	3	4	5	0	

3. Written Narrative Statement (to be attached to this form)
- a. Assess the applicant's academic and professional promise.
  - b. Discuss the attributes that most strongly recommend this applicant.
  - c. In which area does the applicant need the most growth or improvement?

4. Summary Evaluation: Please indicate the strength of your overall recommendation.

Highly recommend    Recommend    Recommend with reservations noted    Do not recommend

Name of Reference Writer (include title and credentials, e.g., MSW, PhD, etc.)

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Signature of Reference Writer \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your thoughtful and prompt reply.

**Please attach this form to your written narrative statement and return in a sealed envelope to the applicant or to:**

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Silver School of Social Work  
Office of Admissions  
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