



PennState

The Dr. John P. Karidis Department Head's Award for Research Achievement in Mechanical Engineering CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

Name: _____
Legal Family Name (Surname) First Name Middle Initial Date

Semester standing at the end of the Fall semester: _____

Current Major GPA: _____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____

It is the policy of the Department that letters of recommendation submitted in support of admission to our academic programs are confidential. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 gives students, once admitted and enrolled, the right to inspect letters of recommendation. The law also permits students to waive that right if they choose. Such a waiver must be voluntary and cannot be a condition of admission, award, or employment.

Applicant: Please indicate whether or not you waive your right to examine this letter of recommendation.

- I agree to waive access.
- I do not agree to waive access to this letter of recommendation from.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE RECOMMENDER:

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

The length of your response should not 500 words

2. I had a(n) excellent good fair poor opportunity to observe this person's abilities.

3. How do you rate the applicant's promise for success in the Mechanical Engineering program?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor No basis for judgment

4. How do you rate the applicant's research contribution to mechanical engineering?

- Excellent Good Fair Poor No basis for judgment

6. In comparison with other persons with similar training and experience, what is your evaluation of the applicant with respect to these general characteristics?

	Below Average <i>Lowest</i> 40%	Average <i>Middle</i> 20%	Above Average <i>Next</i> 10%	Good <i>Next</i> 10%	Very Good <i>Next</i> 10%	Excellent <i>Top</i> 10%	Truly Exceptional
a. Knowledge of fundamentals in field of study							
b. Communication skills in English	Speaking						
	Writing						
c. Ability to think/work independently							
d. Ability to work with others							
e. Extracurricular involvement							
f. Imagination and originality							
g. Motivation							
h. Maturity							
i. Carefulness in work							
j. Self-reliance and personal initiative							

Inadequate Opportunity To Observe

7. Please provide any other information that may not be reflected in the applicant's academic record in the space provided below (e.g. commitment to mechanical engineering, special interest in or propensity for aerospace field, laboratory skills, languages, life experiences). How does this applicant compare with promising contemporaries?

The length of your response should not exceed 500 words.

Recommender's Name

E-mail

Position or Title

Date

School or Company

Phone Number

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