



(Please enter applicant's full name)

The individual named above has applied for admission to Maranatha Baptist Seminary, a conservative Christian seminary dedicated to training men and women for effective gospel ministry in the local church. By completing this reference, you will assist the Admissions Committee in rendering a decision.

- If you have already completed an electronic reference for this applicant, there is no need to complete this form as well.
- Please contact the office of Admissions if you would prefer to complete this survey electronically. Admissions@mbu.edu

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

Please check the characteristic in each category below that you believe to be most applicable. Please do not mark items about which you feel uncertain or which you have not had opportunity to observe in the applicant.

Spiritual Vitality

- No salvation testimony
- Little interest in spiritual growth
- Genuine but not contagious
- Rich and growing in maturity

Disposition

- Extremely negative
- Moody
- Agreeable, positive outlook
- Cheerful, Optimistic

Intelligence

- Learns and thinks slowly
- Average mental ability
- Above average mental ability
- Brilliant

Integrity

- Not trustworthy
- Questionable at times
- Generally honest and dependable
- Trustworthy

Self-Discipline

- Weak
- Average
- Very good
- Outstanding

Leadership Ability

- Makes no effort to lead
- Tries but lacks ability
- Good leader, gets results
- Unusual ability to lead

Quality of Work

- Lazy
- Starts projects but does not finish
- Makes good effort
- Resourceful, actively creative

Judgment

- Needs much counseling
- Shows some foresight
- Fair deductions, cautious
- Exercises common sense

Perseverance (in completing tasks)

- Gives up easily/easily discouraged
- Needs encouragement
- Persists in most circumstances
- Persists even under adversity

Emotional Stability

- Easily depressed or elated
- Unresponsive
- Usually well-balanced
- Stable, well balanced

Teamwork

- Frequently has difficulty
- Works better alone
- Usually cooperative
- Good, able to work with others

Home Environment/Family

- Often a strained relationship
- Usually stable and consistent
- Spiritually wholesome, consistent

Listed below are some characteristics, which if present, may reduce the effectiveness of a student.

Please circle any traits that you have noted in the applicant:

Aimless

Aloof

Argumentative

Domineering

Easily discouraged

Easily offended

Flippant about serious matters

Frequently worried

Impatient

Impersonal

Indifferent

Insecure

Intolerant

Irritable

Lacking tact

Nervous

Quick-tempered

Self-centered

Do you believe the applicant to be genuinely saved? No Yes For how long?

How is this evidenced?

(Continued on reverse)

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Do you know of any specific struggles, past or present, this person may have encountered? (i.e., moral failures, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, police record, foul language, dishonesty, cheating or other integrity issues)

Yes No If yes, please explain:

Do you see this person as someone whom you would hire, have as your pastor or church staff member, or like to work with as a colleague?

Yes No Unsure (Please comment):

How is this person gifted for Christian service?

How would you rate the applicant's potential for success in Christian ministry?

Exceptionally good Very good Good Fair Poor

What do you think are some of the applicant's strengths?

What do you think are some of the applicant's weaknesses?

Additional Comments:

Specific Recommendation:

Enthusiastically recommend Do not recommend for Maranatha Baptist Seminary
 Recommend with reservations Prefer not to make any recommendation

This recommendation is from a (please check one):

Pastor Professional Acquaintance/Colleague Teacher/Professor Employer/Supervisor Friend

Signature _____ Print Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

TO THE INDIVIDUAL COMPLETING THIS FORM: *If the waiver is not signed the below, it is possible that it may be seen by the applicant (if accepted and enrolled as a student). If the waiver is signed, the reference will remain confidential.*

TO THE APPLICANT: *Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives students the right to inspect and review their education records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements on letters of recommendation. While all references are considered carefully, we believe that references given in confidence are of greater usefulness in assessing your qualifications, abilities and promise. We invite you, therefore, but do not require you, to sign the following waiver. Your decision to sign or not sign the waiver will not impact the Admissions Committee decision.*

I waive my right to see all submitted reference forms and agree that these references shall remain confidential.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____