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## Confidential: Pastor's Reference Form

*This portion is to be completed by the applicant:*

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose for which this confidential reference form is being obtained is admissions to The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago ("Moody Bible Institute"). It will be received and maintained in confidence. If you are admitted and enrolled, and if Moody Bible Institute retains this confidential reference form, you may inspect this reference form and any attachments pursuant to The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), unless you have voluntarily waived this right by signing the following statement: WAIVER OF RIGHT TO ACCESS: I, the undersigned, hereby expressly and voluntarily waive any and all access rights I might have to this confidential reference form under The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), any state law, or any other laws, regulations, or policies. I understand that the observations made shall remain confidential between the writer and the Moody Bible Institute. I acknowledge and represent that I am over the age of 18, have carefully read and understand this Waiver of Right to Access, and I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily.

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

Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ 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. Please be frank, fair, and accurate in your remarks and estimation. Please note the FERPA provisory 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 this reference. After completing this form, please email it to [apply@moody.edu](mailto:apply@moody.edu) or mail in the envelope provided by the student.

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. Have you noted any physical weaknesses or emotional problems that would hinder the applicant in an intensive academic environment?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the applicant's sexual conduct consistent with biblical standards?  Yes  No  
 If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Is the applicant living a consistent Christian life?  Yes  No  
 If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you aware of any criminal or social problems?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you have reservations in recommending this person?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you have any reason to doubt the applicant's integrity?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose the traits that best describe the applicant. (Please select **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
2. Purposefulness	Aimless; no evident goals	Vacillating in purpose	Average	Self-directed	Strives to realize well-formed goals
3. Teachable	Rigid, argumentative	Highly opinionated	Open minded	Willing to receive instruction	Eager to receive instruction
4. Teamwork (ability to work with others)	Frequently causes friction	Prefers to work alone	Usually cooperative	Able to work with those of different personality or temperament	Most effective in teamwork
5. Perseverance (in completing tasks)	Gives up easily or is easily discouraged	Needs encouragement to persevere	Performs assigned tasks	Persists in most circumstances	Persists even under adversity
6. Responsiveness (to the feelings and needs of others)	Indifferent to how others feel	Slow to sense how others feel	Reasonably responsive	Understanding and thoughtful	Responds with unusual insight and consideration
7. Leadership (ability to inspire others and maintain their confidence)	Makes no effort to lead	Tries, but lacks ability	Has some leadership promise	Good leadership ability	Unusual ability to lead
8. Emotional Adjustment	Downhearted, blue, depressed	Tense, fearful, worried	Easily angered, easily frustrated	Maintains balance, self-controlled	Emotionally healthy, secure, self-confident
9. Achievement (ability to formulate, execute, and carry plans to conclusion)	Does only what is assigned	Starts but does not finish	Meets average expectations	Resourceful and effective	Superior creative ability

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, and honesty. 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. Attach another document if necessary.

Pastor's name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Church and denominational affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend MBI?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

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