

**NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**The Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social Work**  
**Baccalaureate Social Work Program**  
**Professional Recommendation**

Dear Respondent:

The below-named applicant (student) is applying for practicum in the Baccalaureate Social Work Program at Norfolk State University. Your responses will be helpful to the field packet that the student is submitting to the field office, and are an essential part of the decision process for the student's acceptance into the practicum component of the BSW program. We are careful to arrive at a decision that will serve the student's best interest as well as that of the social work profession. Your personal information you provide is confidential. Please submit the form to the applicant to include in their completed field application packet. Please note that if you choose, you can seal the form in an envelope.

Thank you for your assistance,

Quincy Dinnerson, MSW, DSW  
BSW Director of Field Education  
Ethelyn R Strong School of Social Work

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**Professional Recommendation** –NSU faculty members cannot complete this form  
**FIELD PRACTICUM APPLICATION REFERENCE**

**Applicant (Student) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Student #: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby do/do not waive my right to review this completed report.  
(cross out one)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Name of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please respond to the following items:**

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| How long have you known the applicant?                         |  |
| In what capacity have you known the applicant                  |  |
| What do you consider the applicant's strengths?                |  |
| What do you consider to be the applicant's area of improvement |  |

**Please give your impression of the applicant's rating on the following areas**

| <b>Rating Scale</b>   | <b>Poor<br/>(1)</b> | <b>Average<br/>(2)</b> | <b>Good<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Outstanding<br/>(4)</b> | <b>Unable<br/>to judge<br/>(5)</b> |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Maturity and emotional stability  |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Willingness to accept criticism   |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Responsiveness to instruction   |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Leadership ability  |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Productivity in terms of quality of work produced                                   |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Resourcefulness and creativity  |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Sensitivity toward others   |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Ability to respect differences in others (i.e.) race, class, culture, and ethnicity |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Ability to express ideas in written assignments                                     |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Concern and commitment to studies   |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Ability to express ideas  |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |
| Motivation and enthusiasm for knowledge   |                     |                        |                     |                            |                                    |

**Summary Evaluation:**

Please check one of the summary evaluations below

|   |  |
|---|--|
| I am unable to recommend this applicant for practicum                           |  |
| I recommend the applicant with reservations for practicum, please explain below |  |
| I recommend this applicant for practicum  |  |
| I enthusiastically recommend this applicant for practicum                       |  |

Additional Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date