IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
Department of Political Science
Doctor of Arts
Reference Letter

The candidate for admission should sign, date, and circle their preference below:
I do/do not waive the right to examine this reference letter.

_____ _____
Candidate Signature Date

_____ has applied for admission to the ISU Doctor of Arts program in political science. You have been chosen by the applicant as a reference. Please answer the questions below. **Please return this page** and make sure that you complete the box for question #6. **Feel free to answer questions 1-5 on a separate sheet of paper, or submit a reference letter that addresses these questions.**

1. In what capacity do you know the applicant?

2. How long have you known the applicant?

3. Please discuss the applicant's academic strengths.

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5. Do you think that the applicant is ready to undertake graduate school work? Why or why not?

6. In terms of college students that you have been associated with where would you rate this applicant in terms of overall academic ability? Please place a check under each criterion that indicates your rating of the candidate's ability.

Rating	Verbal Ability	Writing Ability	Research Skills	Dependability	Motivation to Succeed
Top 10%					
Top 11% - 25%					
Top 26% - 50%					
Below top 50%					

Please sign and date your review

_____ _____
Reference Writer Date