

Student Recommendations

Part of my job is providing recommendations for students applying for employment, graduate school or related endeavors. I will gladly provide recommendations, but before requesting a recommendation, students must be aware of what sorts of things I include in the letter. I normally provide the student's scores in all courses taken from me. I will usually relate the average grade given in each class. I often assess the student's skill at writing, and personal characteristics such as responsibility and courtesy. My letter will state clearly whether I believe the student is prepared for graduate school. If I do not know the student well I will state that fact in the letter. Because I provide an honest assessment of the student, I do not suggest that a student who has received inferior grades or displayed irresponsible behavior request a reference letter.