

**REQUEST FOR REFERENCE  
FOR APPLICANT TO EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM**

Person Requesting Reference:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Program \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of person requesting reference)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Person Providing Reference:

The applicant named above has applied for admission to Eden Theological Seminary and is requesting recommendation from you. We request your candid appraisal of the applicant's capacity for graduate study and for a vocation in ministry following theological education.

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this candidate?

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2. Please rate the applicant for each of the following characteristics: (circle numbers or check space)

	low	average	high	don't know
a) intellectual ability	1 2	3 4	5 6	_____
b) oral expression	1 2	3 4	5 6	_____
c) written expression	1 2	3 4	5 6	_____
d) vocational clarity	1 2	3 4	5 6	_____
e) professional practice in ministry	1 2	3 4	5 6	_____
f) personal maturity	1 2	3 4	5 6	_____
g) interpersonal skills	1 2	3 4	5 6	_____

3. Please comment on the applicant's ability to undertake advanced studies in theology and ministry.  
Comment particularly regarding applicant's ability:
- a) to engage in critical and conceptual theology;
  - b) to exercise church leadership in an interntional and self-critical manner;
  - c) to be open to new ideas for fresh approaches to ministry and church life.

Please type your response and attach additional sheet(s) if necessary.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to: Office of Admissions, Eden Theological Seminary, 475 East Lockwood Avenue, Saint Louis, MO 63119-3192. A prompt reply is necessary for early action on this person's admissions request. Thank You.