



Guidelines for References for Applicants to Graduate Programs in Mathematics at the University of Kentucky

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation. We are concerned that there be a close match between our program and the goals, abilities, and characteristics of our students. A frank appraisal, by a person who knows the applicant well, is our best source of information.

It would be helpful to us if you would address as many of the following points as you can.

- How long, how well, and in what way have you known the applicant?
- How would you rank the applicant's mathematical abilities in comparison with other students you have taught?
- Does the applicant have the motivation and ability to complete a Ph.D.?
- Is the applicant mature and emotionally stable?
- How well-developed are the applicant's teaching, tutoring, and computing skills?
- How well does the applicant get along with peers and with faculty?
- Is the applicant a person of integrity?

Once the applicant submits an application to the University of Kentucky Graduate School, you will receive an email asking you to upload your letter into UK's ApplyYourself system. Although we will consider applicants at any time, it would be most helpful if we receive your letter by February 1 for students who are being considered for admission in August. .

We realize that writing these letters is a time-consuming task. Thank you for your willingness to do this.