LETTER OF REFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF:

who is applying to the New Mexico State University Graduate School

for admission and financial aid to study in the DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY. (Applicants please fill out above and transmit this form to an instructor or former professor acquainted with your education and academic abilities.)

APPLICANT: Prior to releasing this form, and in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, please review/check the applicable statement, and sign where indicated.

(    ) I hereby waive (    ) I do not waive my right of access to this letter of recommendation

Applicant Signature___________________________________ Date ____________

TO WRITERS OF LETTERS OF REFERENCE:

The information given in this recommendation will be considered confidential and will be used in the initial selection process only. This information will not become a part of the student’s academic record. We are particularly interested in the ability of the applicant to:

- Pursue graduate study
- Perform research
- Serve as a teaching assistant
- Serve in a professional capacity in the chosen field

We are also interested in the general character of the applicant. Please mail this form to GRADUATE ADMISSIONS at the address above.

**In comparison with other graduate students that you have known, rate items A through I below by a numeric score of 1 to 5. Base your ratings on the level of accomplishments you have come to expect from the applicant. (Ratings are: 1-truly outstanding [top10%]; 2-superior; 3-above average; 4-average; 5-below average; x-inadequate knowledge to rate.)

[   ] A. Intellectual ability
[   ] B. Mastery of fundamental knowledge in
  his/her general field
[   ] C. Motivation and drive
[   ] D. Scholarship
[   ] E. Ability in written expression
[   ] F. Ability in oral expression
[   ] G. Ability for research
[   ] H. Emotional maturity & stability
[   ] I. Self-reliance & independence

**It will be helpful if you could cite special indications bearing upon the applicant’s qualifications. For non-U.S. citizens: Please indicate degree of English proficiency for teaching duties. (Use the back of this form if needed.)

**How far do you think this applicant will progress? (Check one)

___ Will probably complete the doctorate.
___ Will probably complete the master’s degree.
___ Is not likely to complete a graduate degree without excessive help.
___ Is not likely to complete any graduate degree.

**I have been acquainted with this applicant during the period of: _________ to ____________ as _______ (teacher, advisor, supervisor, other)

NAME (print or type):_______________________________________________________
POSITION: ______________________________________________________________
INSTITUTION: ____________________________________________________________
SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE:________________________