



## PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION

### TO THE STUDENT/PARENT

Please print the applicant's name, school, grade, and the date below and give this form to the person(s) from whom you are asking for a recommendation.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current school \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade \_\_\_\_\_

### TO THE REFERENCE

The student named above has applied for admission to The Miami Valley School. MVS is an academically rigorous college-preparatory independent day school offering grades pre-kindergarten through twelve. Emphasis is placed on academic achievement and active involvement in the school community.

The admission committee places considerable weight on the academic and personal qualifications of each applicant. Your recommendation is vital to our process. Your comments and evaluation are used for admission purposes only and will not become part of the student's permanent school record should the student be admitted. Furthermore, the family has no access to this recommendation, which is held in the strictest confidence.

Please use the following as prompts, if applicable, to write your thoughts regarding the applicant's character, initiative, intellectual curiosity, and strengths and weaknesses.

- How long have you known this student and in what capacity?
- What words or phrases come to mind in describing this student?
- Please comment on the student's academic ability and motivation, and on the quality of the student's work, including oral and written expression.
- Please comment on the student's ability to work independently and with others, leadership abilities, time-management, and self-discipline.
- Please share your thoughts on the student's self-confidence, integrity, empathy, and social acceptance by peers. Note the student's level of involvement in community affairs.
- How does the student respond to advice or criticism?
- Are there elements of MVS that you anticipate may be challenging for the student?

Thank you for taking your valuable time to complete this recommendation. In your communication to MVS, please be sure to include your name, title, organization, email, and phone number.

Please send your recommendation electronically to [caitlin.lewis@miamivalleyschool.org](mailto:caitlin.lewis@miamivalleyschool.org) (preferred) or by paper copy to the Admissions Office, The Miami Valley School, 5151 Denise Drive, Dayton, OH 45429.

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