

Mathematics Teacher Leadership Center

Recommendation in support of an application to the Math TLC and the Master's in Mathematics for Secondary Teachers *

Full Legal Name: _____

Last
First
Middle
Maiden or other names used

Applicant's waiver of right to the confidential statement: In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby freely and voluntarily waive my right of access to any information contained on this recommendation form and agree that the statement shall remain confidential.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Instructions:

Please write candidly about the applicant's qualities as a professional and overall potential for graduates studies in a master's degree program in mathematics for secondary (grades 7–12) teachers. In your letter, indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant, address as many of the following characteristics as you can and include specific instances in which these characteristics were revealed to you.

In addition, please rank the applicant on the following scales, comparing them with other teachers you have known.

Desired Characteristics	Top 5%	Top 20%	Top 50%	Bottom 50%	No basis
Student centered – committed to student learning					
Reflective practice – committed to being a better teacher					
Mathematical knowledge – understands math concepts behind what they teach					
Pedagogical content knowledge – understands teaching and learning of math					
Communication skills – both written and oral					
Social/Interpersonal skills – collegiality, ability to collaborate					
Intangibles – such as originality, perseverance, creativity					
Estimate the number of teachers you have worked with on which you are basing the above percentages:					

Your recommendation letter will be used by the Math TLC in its procedures related to admission. If the applicant has not waived the right to access to the recommendation, it will be accessible to the applicant only if she/he is accepted and enrolls in the Master's in Mathematics for Secondary Teachers Degree Program at UNC and UW*.

Be sure to submit both the Letter of Recommendation Form and your Letter of Recommendation. You may include your letter either on the back of this form or print it on your own letterhead.

When you have completed the recommendation letter, please send it and this form directly to the Math TLC either via email (mathtlc@unco.edu) with subject line "ApplicantLastName-MPRec-YourLastName" or by U.S. Mail to: Math TLC – Master's Program, Campus Box 122, Greeley, CO 80639-0098. If submitting by U.S. Mail, please enclose this form and your letter in a sealed envelope, and sign it across the seal. If submitting by email, your typed name will be accepted in lieu of your signature. Thank you for your assistance.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Institution: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Address: _____ e-mail: _____

* A master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado is a Master of Arts in Mathematics–Teaching Emphasis and from the University of Wyoming is a Master of Science in Teaching.

Letter of Recommendation