

William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholarship Program  
RECOMMENDATION FORM

*To be completed by Applicant:*

I understand that Federal law provides me, after enrollment, with a right of access to this Letter of Recommendation and that no school may require me to waive this right.

I hereby  waive  do not waive my right of access to this Letter of Recommendation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.) (Or LSDAS number)

**TO THE RECOMMENDER:**

The William H. Gates Public Service Law Scholarship Program seeks to support the development of students with outstanding academic ability who are committed to use their skills in public service. Primary attention in the selection process is paid to candidates who have already demonstrated their commitment to public service and who have exhibited potential for leadership in public service activities.

You may respond by either completing this form or writing a letter addressed specifically to the criteria listed below. Your specific and candid replies to this inquiry will be helpful to this applicant and to the Gates Selection Committee.

If you need more space or prefer to write a letter, please write on the letterhead stationery of your school, firm or organization, and attach this form, signed by you and the applicant, to your statement. The Gates Selection Committee will treat the information you provide as confidential only if the student waives his/her right of access in the box at the top of this form.

RECOMMENDER'S NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long, in what connection, and how well have you known the applicant?

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2. Please evaluate the applicant's commitment to public service. That commitment is evidenced not only by the applicant's public service activities in high school, college, graduate school, or career, but also by the applicant's personal qualities of tenacity, idealism, leadership and initiative in the conduct of such activities.

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3. Does the applicant have special abilities to serve or represent groups or interests lacking access to law and lawyers (such special abilities as language skills, cultural familiarity, insight into a subgroups derived from living experiences)?

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4. Does the applicant have special intellectual or personal strengths or acquired expertise relevant to the conduct of and leadership of public service activities?

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*To be completed by the Recommender:*

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Name (Last)	(First)	(MI)	
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Position	College/University	Phone Number:	
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Address	City	State	Zip Code
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Signature			Date

Please return this form in a sealed envelope (with your signature on the seal) to the applicant who will submit it with his/her application by January 15.