

IV. Recommendation Form- Arabic Flagship Program, UMD

To the student: Complete the information below and provide this form to an academic reference of your choosing. The reference should be an instructor who is familiar with your performance in Arabic, has judged your academic abilities, and has or will award you a grade in a foreign language course. Your reference should complete the Teacher Recommendation form below and either return it to you in a sealed envelope with his/her signature across the seal or submit the letter directly to the Arabic Flagship Program. If you have any questions, please feel free to consult with the AFP Program Coordinator regarding options for references.

First Name

Last Name

UID

Email Address

Phone Number

Optional: *I hereby waive my rights of access to this recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, University of Maryland policy, or any other law or regulation. I understand that the Arabic Flagship Program does not require me to execute this waiver and is willing to review my application whether or not I sign it.*

Signature

Date

To the instructor/recommender: The University of Maryland's Arabic Flagship Program offers a comprehensive Arabic language and culture program designed to help students develop Superior proficiency while pursuing an undergraduate degree in a major of their choice. Entry to this program is highly competitive, and students who are accepted are eligible for merit-based financial awards.

The AFP selection committee will consider the following criteria, among others, in making admissions decisions: Arabic proficiency, instructor recommendation, and the ways in which a student will add to the depth and diversity of the AFP. This program is appropriate for students with the ambition, commitment, and intellectual promise to pursue a Middle East-related profession. Accepted students will benefit from the academic excellence and opportunities offered through this program.

Please return this form and your letter to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap or submit these to the AFP directly at:

arabic@umd.edu

or

UMD Arabic Flagship Program

Attn: Maya Montgomery

3123 HJ Patterson Hall

University of Maryland

College Park, MD 20742

If you have questions about this form, please contact Maya Montgomery at (301) 405-4742 or arabic@umd.edu.

IV. Recommendation Form (continued)

First Name

Last Name

Title

Institution

Email Address

Phone Number

How long have you known this student, and in what capacity?

What courses have you taught to this student? When?

Recommendation of this applicant for Arabic Flagship Program admission:

Strongly recommend

Generally recommend

Recommend with reservations (explain below)

Do not recommend (explain below)

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Please rate the applicant on the following scale: (10= student in top 5% of students you have ever taught)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Motivation and commitment										
Maturity										
Class participation										
Performance on homework										
Attendance and attitude										
Ability to learn new concepts										
Language learning aptitude										
Current skill in Arabic										

Based on class performance, aptitude, drive, and skills, how likely is it that this applicant will reach Superior Proficiency or better in Arabic:

- Certainly
 Highly Likely
 Possibly
 Unsure
 Not Likely

Please attach a letter of recommendation elaborating on the ratings above and answering the following questions:

- Why do you feel this applicant will or will not be able to reach Superior proficiency in Arabic?
- What differentiates this student from the average hard-working student in your class?
- What other factors should the selection committee take into account in evaluating this applicant?

Name

Title

Signature

Date