**2025-2026 PSYCHIATRY STANDARDIZED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Endorsed by the Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP)

APPLICANT

Name:

ERAS ID:

[ ]  The applicant has waived their right to view this letter, and this was discussed with them.

LETTER WRITER

Name:

Title:

Institution/Organization:

Email:

Number of medical students you worked with in the past year:

Provide a brief description of your relationship to the applicant: clinical supervisor (observership, clerkship, elective, Sub-I) vs. research mentor; the duration of time together; level of oversight (one-on-one each day vs. team-based with resident supervision); volume of patient care if relevant.

**250 Character Max**

PART 1:

Please use specific examples to describe the applicant’s qualities.

**Qualities: CHOOSE ONE OR MORE**

* Communication/interpersonal skills
* Interest/motivation for psychiatry
* Teachability (open to and learns from feedback)
* Professional Integrity
* Capacity to reflect/self-awareness

**1000 Character Max**

PART 2:

Please use specific examples to describe the applicant’s clinical skills. Non-clinical letter writers should comment on these or similar skills in the context of their work environment.

**Clinical Skills: CHOOSE ONE OR MORE**

* Ability to develop rapport with patients
* Ability to work well in a clinical team
* Ability to take a psychiatric history
* Ability to perform a mental status exam
* Ability to perform appropriate triage of medical and psychiatric urgent/emergent issues

**1000 Character Max**

PART 3:

**Summarize the applicant’s preparedness/suitability for psychiatric residency.**

Address such topics as:

* Characteristics that make this applicant unique relative to other applicants, such as their sense of duty, teamwork, perseverance, and ability to handle adversity.
* A description of how much guidance this applicant may need as they begin residency in comparison to their peers.

**1000 Character Max**

**Signature and date:**