

Boston Orthoptic Fellowship Program

Instructions to Writers of Letters of Recommendation

_____ is applying to the Boston Orthoptic Fellowship Program. Orthoptists work with ophthalmologists (medical doctors who specialize in eyes) in the diagnosis and management of patients with defects in binocular vision and with ocular movement disorders related to systemic disease.

The program selection committee would appreciate your opinion regarding the applicant's suitability to such a profession. We are particularly interested in applicants who are intelligent, enthusiastic, have the ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing, and who are able to work well with people of all ages, from small children to the elderly. Orthoptic students should possess sound judgement, critical thinking skills, emotional maturity, and scientific curiosity. She/he should be imaginative, energetic, patient, and personable.

We are interested in your opinion on the applicant's strengths and weaknesses and would appreciate the reasons for your general assessment. We may contact referees via telephone during the interview process, so please include your contact information with your letter of recommendation.

Please submit all written references in English via mail or email.

The information in your letter of recommendation will be considered confidential. Thank you for your assistance. Your recommendations are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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