

## Recommendation Form

PLEASE NOTE: the applicant named below is applying for a scholarship administered by Libraries Southwest. Your recommendation is needed as part of the application process. Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap so he/she may submit it as part of a complete package. In addition to completing the form, you may also include a personal letter of recommendation (optional).

Applicant's Name Katie Pennington

How long have you know this individual? over 30 years

Is what capacity does this person work in your library? Adult Programming/Information Services

Circle the rating most applicable to the applicant on the following criteria using the scale:

(1) Below Average (2) Average (3) Above Average (4) Excellent (5) Outstanding

Goal Oriented	1	2	3	4	5
Prospect for Personal Success (career/personal)	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership Qualities	1	2	3	4	5
Responsibility/Reliability	1	2	3	4	5
Creativity/Resourcefulness	1	2	3	4	5
Prospects for Academic Success	1	2	3	4	5

Remarks and general information concerning this individual you feel the selection committee should consider when screening this application, please elaborate on information provided. (Attach additional sheet(s) to elaborate.)

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Julie Slaven  
Name (print)

Supervisor  
Relationship to Applicant, if any

Calcasieu Parish Public Library  
Name of Organization/Business

337 721-7141  
Phone

Julie Slaven  
Signature

6/19/18  
Date

**Part 2 – Essay**

In 300-350 words, please describe your experience and interest in librarianship and how the classes you plan to take will enhance your present role as a library employee.

Please type this essay in a separate Word document using 12-point Times New Roman font. Please include your name at the top of the essay.

**Part 3 – Recommendation Form**

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Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

June 19, 2018

Katie Pennington works in the Information Services Department at Sulphur Regional Library. We hired her in June 2016 to be our Adult Programming Coordinator. As supervisor of the Information Services Department, I couldn't be more pleased with the choice. In the last two years, Katie has planned and implemented many phenomenal programs here at Sulphur Regional. Since she has been here, our programs have become a vital part of our community. She is also an excellent reference librarian. She is very thorough when providing research assistance and she is extremely patient when helping patrons at the computers. She is dependable and she strives for excellence in every task. She is always a team player.

I have observed Katie's wonderful work ethic and her heart for service. Her coworkers and supervisors are very supportive of her decision to become a professional librarian. It is truly a joy to work with Katie.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Slaven".

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Katie Pennington

“The library card is a passport to wonders and miracles, glimpses into other lives, religions, experiences, the hopes and dreams and strivings of ALL human beings, and it is this passport that opens our eyes and hearts to the world beyond our front doors, that is one of our best hopes against tyranny, xenophobia, hopelessness, despair, anarchy, and ignorance.” These words spoken by Libba Bray ring true in present times and will likely continue to do so for years to come. A library holds within its walls the keys to access information and tools for creativity for all ages, genders, and socio-economic levels existing within the structure of a community.

One role of the librarian today is to serve as a guiding light through the diverse resources available to the public, assisting in one's pursuit of knowledge. As a servant of my community, my ambition is to dedicate my career to helping people maneuver through these resources, building partnerships, and providing learning opportunities, in hopes of creating a stronger more connected community. I have been working in the Information Services Department at Sulphur Regional Library for just over two years. I assist patrons with reader's advisory information, research assistance, technology assistance, interlibrary loan services, and I am responsible for developing and implementing quality adult programs. I find all of these duties fulfilling on a personal and professional level.

I have elected to earn my MLIS degree through LSU's program so that I may equip my mind with all of the advanced informational tools and instructional techniques required to excel to new heights in my job as a librarian. I hope to continue to assist and facilitate to the very best of my abilities and potential. The past two years working in a library have continued to shape me as an individual, and I feel strongly that a MLIS coupled with my experience in the workplace will help me to be a beneficial person to my community.

:: Class Schedule ::

Select a campus:

LSU ▼

To view your schedule for the current semester:

View Current Schedule

To view your schedule for a semester in which you are enrolled, choose a semester and year:

Fall ▼

2018 ▼

View Schedule

FALL 2018

Print Schedule

Dept	Course	Sect	Sess	Hrs	Beg	Ends	Night	Days	Building	Room
LIS	7011	001		3.0	TBA					
LIS	7100	001		3.0	TBA					
<b>Total Hours</b>				<b>6.0</b>						

★ Completed one year in the program with a 4.0 GPA

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