

FORM B

MSU/SPENCER RTG FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Recommendation Form

To be completed by the applicant:

Name: _____

_____ I waive the right to examine this reference form when completed. (Insert form in a sealed envelope.)

_____ I do not waive my right to examine this reference form.

Signature

Date

Name of Recommendor:

To the recommendor:

For Students Applying for a First Year of Funding: Your comments and candid evaluation of the applicant are important to the review committee. We solicit your evaluation of the applicant's preparation for graduate study, range of abilities, accomplishments, communication skills, and scholarship potential . We are particularly interested in motivation and capacity for a career in educational research. We would also like to hear about your views on the research area that the student has proposed and the potential of this work to make contributions to the field.

For Current MSU/Spencer Fellows Applying for a Second Year of Funding: Please speak to two key issues:

1) How well did this student make use of the opportunity provided by being in the MSU/Spencer RTG program this year? What signs did the student show of development as an emergent researcher in education during the year? What added value did this experience provide for the student that might not have been possible without it? In what ways did the student stretch intellectually and take on scholarly challenges during the year? 2) How does the student's plan for the second year build effectively on the experience in the first year? What is the potential added value of being in the RTG program for the proposed work in the second year? In what ways does the proposed work demonstrate that the student is stretching intellectually and pursuing issues that are potentially significant to the field?

Please sign the letter containing your comments and return it along with this form in the sealed envelope provided; seal and sign on the back flap of the envelope.