

### A National Standard Bearer for Islamic Chaplaincy

# **Muslim Endorsement Council, Inc. (MEC)**

# Community Religious Leader / MEC-endorsed chaplain confirming that the applicant was either born Muslim or has taken Shahadah and is now practicing Islam Reference form

is applying for endorsement by the Muslim Endorsement Council, Inc. (MEC) as a chaplain and has given your name as a reference. We appreciate your prompt response to the following questions, and we assure you that all information we receive will be treated confidentially. References are very important in determining the qualifications and character of an applicant. Please complete the entire questionnaire. Please do not alter the form in any way. Immediate family members are not acceptable as references and to qualify as a reference, you must have known the applicant for at least one year.
Please indicate: What type of reference do you consider yourself to be?
Indicate one.  Professional Personal
1. How long have you personally known the candidate?
2. What is your relationship with the candidate?
3. Check which best describes the candidate's time given to Islamic religious work:
Full-time Part-time (Average Hours Weekly)
4. Check which best described the candidate's religious leadership:
☐ Imam ☐ Dawah ☐ Chaplain ☐ Counselor
Professor
5. How long has the candidate been in Islamic Religious Leadership?
6. Is the candidate effective in this religious work?
7. How could he/she become (even) more effective?



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8. Does the candidate work well with others?
9. How does the candidate deal with conflict situations?
10. Is the candidate living an exemplary Muslim life?  Explain
11. Describe the candidate's strengths.
12. How would you describe the candidate's ability to communicate effectively with others and convey information clearly as required?
13. Describe the areas in which the candidate needs to improve upon
14. Provide an example or two demonstrating good leadership in the candidate's religious work.

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	's preparedness for religious leadership work?
16. What is your opinion of the soundness	s of the candidate's understanding of Islamic belief and practice?
17. Do you believe the candidate is qualifi	ied for religious leadership? Explain
18. In what area do you think that the cand education?	didate would benefit with further religious and or professional
19. Do you see the candidate as a person twork with as a colleague?	hat you would hire, have as a leader in your congregation or like to
Additional Comments:	
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