



# Optional Recommendation

**Application Deadline is January 16**

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**Applicant's name** \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

This student is applying for admission to Buckingham Browne & Nichols. We are eager to learn from you about the applicant's aptitude, experiences, and achievements in an activity outside the classroom.

Buckingham Browne & Nichols is a coeducational, college preparatory, day school with an Upper School of 500 students. The School provides a broad and challenging academic program along with opportunities for personal growth outside the classroom. The working relationships between students and faculty are based on trust and mutual respect, and are enhanced by open and frank communication. Certain personal qualities are particularly appropriate at BB&N: strong verbal skills, a commitment to intellectual pursuits, a capacity to think and act independently, a well-directed use of abilities and talents, a genuine interest in diverse types of people, and a desire to contribute to the school community.

Please use this form for your comments and return it to Buckingham Browne & Nichols School as soon as possible and no later than January 16. Your comments will be held in strict confidence. Thank you for your help.

Geordie Mitchell  
*Director of Enrollment Management*

Sanchali Biswas  
*Associate Director, Upper School Admission*

1. In what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Please rate the applicant with respect to the following qualities, compared to other students at the same grade level.

	Excellent	Very good	Good	Average	Below average	No basis for judgment
Motivation and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Willingness to take risks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sense of humor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reaction to criticism and setbacks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility for own behavior	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tolerance toward peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acceptance by peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. What level of skill and/or responsibility has the applicant displayed in your area? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How would you describe the applicant's work ethic, self-esteem, and personal resilience? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What else would you like us to know about this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Overall Rating:

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average
For promise in this area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For personal promise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please print name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship with applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

*School recommendations are vital to our admission process. We very much appreciate your taking time to complete this one for us.  
 Please submit this form by January 16 to: Upper School Admission Office, Buckingham Browne and Nichols School, 80 Gerry's Landing Road, Cambridge, MA 02138-5512*