Recommendation Form and Letter – Interdisciplinary Leadership Ed.D. Program

Applicant name: _____________________________________________________________
(last) (first) (middle init.)

GSU/Applicant ID # (if known): __________________ Anticipated term of admission: __________

To the applicant: Please complete the information above and provide this form to your recommender,
along with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Governors State University
College of Education
Graduate Advisement Center - D34035
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60484-0975

Attn: Carla Johnson

The recommender should complete this form or write a separate recommendation letter, then send it in
the envelope (please mark envelope, “Recommendation Letter INLD”) you provide. In accordance with the
provisions of the Federal Education and Privacy Act of 1974, enrolled students have the right to see their
letters of recommendation unless they waive that right. Please indicate your preference regarding this
matter below:

____ I waive my right of access to this recommendation.

____ I do not waive my right of access to this recommendation.

To the recommender: We would appreciate a candid evaluation of the candidate’s qualifications, potential,
and motivation to successfully complete a doctoral program in Interdisciplinary Leadership. Using the table
below, please rate the applicant, checking only one rating for each category. Recommendations are due
March 1 for Fall applications.

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Please provide additional comments about the candidate above in the space provided or attach a letter to this form. Address as many of the categories in the above table as you can and the following topics in that letter, according to your knowledge of the applicant’s qualifications, potential, and motivation for graduate studies:

- Assess the applicant’s employment or volunteer experience,
- Describe the characteristics of the applicant that you think provide evidence for the potential to become an effective leader.
- Evaluate the applicant’s sensitivity to diversity and ability to interact comfortably with persons who are different from her or him.
- Describe how you think the applicant displays personal values and attitudes consistent with ethical conduct in the social and human service professions.
- Please rate the applicant’s potential to successfully complete graduate study in Interdisciplinary Leadership in a curriculum that stresses, theory, research, and applied problem-solving; touch on the applicant’s intellectual potential, oral and written communication skills, facility with research, and ability to think critically.

Thank you very much for your support of this applicant.

Recommender Name (printed): ___________________________ Date: ________________
Title: ___________________________________________________________________
Institution or Organization: ___________________________________________________________________
Signature: ___________________________________________________________________