

## Boston Orthoptic Fellowship Program

### **Instructions for Letters of Recommendation**

The candidate is applying to the Boston Orthoptic Fellowship Program. Orthoptists collaborate with ophthalmologists—medical doctors specializing in eyes—in diagnosing and managing patients with binocular vision defects and ocular movement disorders.

The program selection committee values your opinion regarding the applicant's suitability for this profession. We are particularly interested in candidates who are intelligent, enthusiastic, effective communicators—both verbally and in writing—and able to work well with people of all ages, from small children to the elderly. Orthoptic students should possess sound judgment, critical thinking skills, emotional maturity, and scientific curiosity. They should be imaginative, energetic, patient, and personable.

We seek your insights into the applicant's strengths and weaknesses and appreciate your reasons for your overall assessment. We may contact referees via email or telephone during the interview process, so please include your contact details with your letter of recommendation.

Please submit all written references in English via email (preferred) or mail. Rest assured, the information in your letter of recommendation will be treated as confidential. Kindly send it directly to [sarah.mackinnon@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:sarah.mackinnon@childrens.harvard.edu) by February 1.

Thank you for your assistance. Your recommendations are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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