Are you applying to an MS or MBA program?

How do you know the person you'd like to recommend you?

Supervisor at work

Family or friend

Professor or advisor

Worked together <1 year

A recommender you've worked with for at least a year is generally stronger than someone you've known a short time. If you are applying to an MS program and recently graduated, you could consider a professor instead. If you are applying for an MBA program, be sure this person knows you and your goals well.

Worked together 1-3+ years

A current or former supervisor who has worked with you for 1-3 years and knows your strengths and goals is well-positioned to write on your behalf. Someone who has worked with you directly is always better than a person with a higher title who doesn't know you as well.

If you are a recent graduate applying for an MS program, we accept letters of recommendation from professors or advisors who can speak to your career goals, passions, and work ethic. For MBA candidates, we prefer a letter from a current or former supervisor.

Avoid family members or friends as recommenders even if you have worked together. Consider someone who can speak to your work ethic and character in a professional or academic setting.