[Your Name] [Street Address] [City, St Zip] [Optional – Email Address]

[Today's Date]

[Name of Recipient] [Title] [Company] [Address] [City, St Zip]

Dear [Name of Recipient]:

[Instructions: This template provides structure and guidance for writing a Letter of Reference. Simply replace information in brackets[] with your own information and text. For additional tips, examples and guidance on using this template, see the Letter of Reference page on Vertex42.com.]

[Short introduction paragraph – include a brief statement about who you are and the purpose of the letter]

[Provide details and facts about your relationship to the person being recommended as well as facts about the individual including positions, employment dates and responsibilities.]

[Provide a statement about whether or not the individual is qualified or recommended by you.]

[Provide examples that support your recommendation.]

[Close the letter by summarizing your recommendation and stating whether you would be willing to further communicate with the recipient.]

Sincerely (or Respectfully Yours)

(Sign here for letters sent by mail or fax)

[Typed Name] [Title – if applicable]