

## Best Recommendation Letter Format for Pediatric Residency Programs

The best recommendation letter format for pediatric residency programs should include the following elements to maximize the applicant's chance for a successful match:

1. **Header:**  
Your Name  
Title  
Institution  
Contact Information  
Date

2. **Recipient Address (if available):**  
Program Director Name  
Pediatric Residency Program  
Institution Name  
Address

3. **Greeting:**  
Dear Program Director/Selection Committee,

4. **Introduction:**
  - Introduce yourself, your position, and your relationship to the applicant.
  - Clearly state the intent to recommend the candidate for a pediatric residency position.

5. **Assessment of the Candidate:**
  - Discuss the applicant's clinical skills especially as they relate to pediatrics.
  - Emphasize compassionate patient care abilities and communication skills with children and families.
  - Describe teamwork, professionalism, dedication, reliability, and ethical standards.
  - Include specific examples or anecdotes that highlight the applicant's strengths and potential as a pediatric resident.

6. **Personal Qualities:**
  - Highlight leadership, adaptability, initiative, and commitment to the field of pediatrics.

7. **Conclusion:**
  - Restate your strong endorsement of the applicant.
  - Encourage the committee to consider the candidate favorably for their program.
  - Offer to provide additional information if needed.

8. **Closing:**

Sincerely,  
[Signature if hard copy]  
[Typed Name]  
[Title/Position]

### Sample Template

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[Your Name]  
[Your Title]  
[Your Institution]  
[Your Contact Information]  
[Date]  
[Program Director Name]  
[Residency Program Name]  
[Institution Name]  
[Address]  
Dear Program Director,  
I am writing to strongly recommend [Applicant Name] for your Pediatric Residency Program. As [your relationship, e.g., their attending physician during pediatric rotations] at [Applicant] consistently demonstrated exceptional clinical acumen, strong work ethic, and genuine compassion in caring for pediatric patients and their families. For example, [In addition to clinical excellence, [Applicant]'s empathy, adaptability, and dedication to pediatric medicine are outstanding. I am confident that [he/she/they] will excel as a I give [Applicant] my highest recommendation for your pediatric residency. Please feel free to contact me if you require further information.  
Sincerely,  
[Your Name]  
[Your Title]
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