REQUEST FOR SECONDARY MASTER’S DEGREE WAIVER
AND PETITION FOR MASTER’S LEVEL ORAL EXAMINATION

(A secondary master’s waiver may be granted on the basis of additional work supplementing the
master’s thesis or papers. Students whose theses are not in English may submit for review a
paper written in English that is based on the thesis research. Students whose theses are not in
English may submit for review a paper written in English that is based on the thesis research.
Students whose theses or papers are rejected in a primary waiver review may submit revised
papers or additional papers that remove the deficiencies identified by the faculty in the primary
review. To request a secondary master’s waiver, the student fills out a waiver petition form and
submits the papers to be reviewed to a faculty committee. The faculty committee will review
the papers and conduct a master’s level oral examination to determine whether the student may be
advanced into the Ph.D. program. If the result of this review and examination is negative, the
student will be required to complete a master’s degree within the sociology program. Students
may apply only once for a secondary master’s waiver, and such a waiver must be obtained within
the first two years of the student’s enrollment in the sociology program.)

NAME ____________________________ ID ______________________

ADDRESS __________________________

DATE ____________________________ MS Degree Date __________

(Major Department)

University (name and location) ____________________________________________

Secondary waiver category:

____ Additional work supplementing master’s thesis or papers.

____ Paper written in English based on thesis (non-English) research.

____ Revised or additional papers to remove deficiencies identified in a primary
review.

Three member review committee:

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(Committee completes other side after review and master’s level oral exam.)
Results of Secondary Master's Waiver Review and Master's Level Oral Examination

Date of Oral Exam ____________________________

We recommend, on the basis of the papers submitted and/or additional work and the master’s level oral examination we have conducted on this date, that

Student Name ____________________________________________

be permitted to continue in the Ph.D. program of the Departments of Sociology and Rural Sociology

or

be required to complete a master’s degree within the sociology program of the Departments of Sociology and Rural Sociology.

Comments:

Date:

Signatures:

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(Attach papers which were reviewed.)