[Your Name]
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[Date]

Professor [Professor's Name]
[Department Name]
[University Name]
[University Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]

Dear Professor [Last Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to respectfully request a performance reference from you as I pursue opportunities for career advancement in [specific field or position].

During my time in your class, [Course Name], I learned a great deal about [specific skills or knowledge]. I believe that your insight into my work ethic and dedication would provide a valuable perspective to potential employers.

If you are willing, I would appreciate your support in my application by providing a letter of reference. I am happy to provide any additional information or updates on my experiences since I last worked with you.

Thank you very much for considering my request. I truly appreciate your time and support.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Student ID, if applicable]
[Your Phone Number]