

# BENNINGTON COLLEGE

## PETITION FOR EARLY GRADUATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Term Standing: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that normally students require eight terms of work in order to qualify for graduation. In rare instances a student who demonstrates exceptional work in all areas of study and particular excellence in one may qualify for early graduation. An accumulation of credits alone does not qualify a student for early graduation, nor does financial hardship. To do so, a student must petition for early graduation. A student must also submit two letters of recommendation from faculty in different disciplines to the Dean of Studies. The earliest date at which early graduation can be granted is during the term preceding the anticipated final term; in some instances the decision will not be made until the final term. The student must show how he or she will meet the College's standards for a liberal education including advanced work in a particular field, and his/her record must give evidence of distinguished work. The Plan committee and the Provost and Dean's Office review the petition.

The petition includes the following:

- Student's statement explaining how sufficient credits have been earned and how the work demonstrates breadth and depth at a superior level
- This cover sheet signed by the advisor
- Two letters from faculty members supporting the petition

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_