Name of Applicant__________________________________________________________

School ________________________________________________________________

We appreciate your efforts to assist us in the evaluation of Dean's Scholars applicants. Please be as candid and frank as possible in your comments: letters of reference that admit shortcomings of the applicants are generally found to be more reliable than those filled only with superlatives. Feel free to include a separate letter to address questions 2 and 3.

1. Consider the list of adjectives below. Although all might describe an individual to a greater or lesser degree, please circle the five or six that you believe best describe the applicant.

analytical  argumentative  assertive  articulate  ambitious  cooperative  creative  curious  cynical  debating  disciplined  dogmatic  eager  energetic  enthusiastic  gregarious  initiating  responsible  self motivated  skeptical  probes  procrastinating  questioning  quiet  rigid  Open-minded  outspoken  self critical  underachieving

2. Please make a statement comparing the applicant to a particular group with which you are familiar (e.g. “One of five best student in my honors physics class this semester,” “in the second tier of students in my biology class – not one of the top three but in the second group of four;” “best science student from this school in ten years”).

3. Do you see this applicant having a successful career in science? If so what are your expectations for his or her achievements?

Name of Reference _______________________________________________________

Position_________________________________________________________________

Signature_______________________________________________________________

Please send the above form and letter (if needed) directly to:

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