

The College of Natural Sciences
The University of Texas at Austin

Dean's Scholars Application
Faculty Reference Form

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 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	dogmatic	insightful	probing
argumentative	eager	inventive	procrastinating
articulate	energetic	irresponsible	questioning
assertive	fascinated	mature	quiet
confident	freethinking	meticulous	responsible
cooperative	gregarious	obstinate	rigid
creative	hardworking	open-minded	self motivated
curious	independent	outspoken	skeptical
cynical	inflexible	participating	tolerant
debating	initiating	persevering	underachieving
disciplined	inquisitive	practical	

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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