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NOAA EPP/MSI Graduate Sciences Program

Voluntary Reference Form

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	PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Superior	Inadequate Observation		
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		Below	Below Above	Below Above	Below Above		

In a group of 100 other science and math students of comparable age and experience, how would you rate the applicant with respect to the following:

SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES

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	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Superior	Inadequate Observation
Mastery of Fundamental Knowledge in Field						
Skill/Originality of Research Project Design						
Laboratory Skill and Technique						
Ability to Communicate (Written/Oral)						

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

Applicant Information (Please type or use black ink)

Last Name

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Add any descriptive comments that will assist in providing a complete picture of the applicant's character, attitude, abilities, and potential for research. Please comment on both the applicant's weak and strong points. Use additional sheets if necessary.

COMMENTS:	
Signature:	Date:
Typed/Printed Name:	Title:
Address:	Phone:

RETURN TO: ATTENTION: Priti Brahma; NOAA EPP/MSI Graduate Sciences Program; 1315 East West Highway, Room 10725, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 or FAX at (301) 713-9465.