Middle

NOAA EPP/MSI Graduate Sciences Program

Reference Form

Applicant (Please type or use black ink)

Last Name

First

How long and in what association have you known the applicant?

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

| | PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------|
| | Below Average | Average | Above Average | Outstanding | Superior | Inadequate Observation |
| Motivation Toward a Productive Career | | | | | | |
| Growth During Total Period Observed | | | | | | |
| Imagination and Originality of Thought | | | | | | |
| Emotional Maturity and Stability | | | | | | |
| Ability to Work with Others | | | | | | |
| Independence and Self-Reliance | | | | | | |
| Leadership Potential | | | | | | |

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

| | SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------|------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------------|
| | 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) | | | | | | |

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Add any descriptive comments that may 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 as necessary.

COMMENTS:

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