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NOAA EPP/MSI Graduate Sciences Program

Reference Form

Applicant (Please type or use black ink)				
Last Name	First	Middle		
How long and in what associat	ion 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

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	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:
Typed/Printed Name:	Title:
Address:	Phone:

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