

Undergraduate Scholarship Programs Application - Reference Form

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Purpose: NOAA's Office of Education collects contact information and associated background information of undergraduate and graduate students, as well as recent graduates, for the purpose of tracking scholarship recipients' academic progress, making annual financial awards, and tracking graduate studies and career progress.

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APPLICATION CLOSED

Reference for:

First Name: **Zarah**

Middle Initial: **F**

Last Name: **Abatcha**

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? (Maximum 500 characters) *

500 Characters left

Please rate the applicant with respect to the following characteristics. *

	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Exceptional	No Basis for Judgement
Motivation and persistence toward academic and career goals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creative solutions to problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to work with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Independence and self-reliance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leadership potential (strategic thinking, interpersonal communication, integrity, thoughtful decision-making)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Understanding of fundamental knowledge of the field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Provide examples of how the applicant has demonstrated at least one of the characteristics listed above. In your response, please describe the context of these examples and explain how they reflect the applicant's strengths, abilities, and potential for success in the program. (Maximum 4,000 characters) *

4000 Characters left

Your Contact information:

Name: *

Title: *

Department: *

Institution/Organization: *

Telephone Number: (xxx-xxx-xxxx) *

Email: *

* Required Information

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Reference for:

First Name: **Zaynab**

Middle Initial: **A**

Last Name: **Abdusamad**

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? (Maximum 500 characters) *

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Please rate the applicant with respect to the following characteristics. *

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Title: *

Department: *

Institution/Organization: *

Telephone Number: (xxx-xxx-xxxx) *

Email: *

For teaching assistant (TA) references only

Supervising Professor Name: *

Supervising Professor Title: *

Supervising Professor Email: *

By completing this reference form, you verify that the information on this form has been co-signed by the supervising professor of record. The NOAA Office of Education reserves the right to contact the supervising professor regarding any questions of the integrity of this reference form. You also acknowledge that any discrepancy between the supervising professor's accounts and that of this reference form could render this application ineligible.

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