

MCNAIR SCHOLARS

Recommendation Form

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This section to be completed by applicant. Please print or type.

 (Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Graduate Discipline of Interest)

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 (Date) (Signature)

To be completed by recommender and returned by January 23, 2009, directly to McNair Scholars Program at address given above.

The McNair Scholars Program encourages first-generation, low-income, underrepresented juniors to apply, to enter, and succeed in programs of doctoral study. After an intensive ten -week internship, McNair Scholars receive support in writing, submitting, and presenting their research findings at a national conference. Program personnel assist students in the graduate school application process. Please help us assess the promise and motivation of this student. What is your frank appraisal of the applicants promise as a graduate student and future scholar? What are the applicants greatest strengths and weaknesses? What is the extent of your acquaintance with the applicant? To what extent do you believe the applicant could benefit from the program services? If you prefer to write a personal letter rather than use this form, please do so and attach your letter to this form. Thank you for your prompt cooperation.

Summary Evaluation: In comparison with a representative group of students in the same field who have had approximately the same amount of experience and training, how does the applicant rate in the following areas?	BELOW AVERAGE	AVERAGE	SOMEWHAT ABOVE AVERAGE	GOOD	OUT-STANDING	UNABLE TO JUDGE	OTHER COMMENTS
	Lowest 40%	Middle 20%	Next 15%	Next Higher 15%	Highest 10%		
Academic Aptitude and Potential for Graduate Work							
Present Academic Performance in Area of Interest							
Motivation for the Proposed Program of Study							

 (Signature)

 (Institution)

 (Address)

 (Name/Title – Please print or type)

 (Date)

 (Telephone Number)