RECOMMENDATION FOR THE UNCG-MCNAIR PROGRAM

Program Description: The UNCG-McNair Program provides a comprehensive array of services designed to facilitate undergraduate degree completion and ultimate enrollment in graduate school at the doctoral level. Talented students will partake in a year-long research project with a Faculty Mentor, take an inter-disciplinary research methods course, attend a graduate school preparation seminar, and prepare for the GRE. They will continue their activities during a summer program, culminating in the presentation of their research to students, faculty, and staff. Students will receive a stipend during their program participation.

Waiver of Confidentiality Rights by applicant:

I have asked ___________________________ to complete a recommendation for me in support of my application to the Ronald E. McNair Program. I hereby waive my right to inspect the comments which appear on this form and attachments of continuation. I understand I am not required to waive that right as a condition for admission.

Student Name (printed) ______________________ Student Signature _____________________________

If the student does not sign the above waiver statement, he or she has the right to access this form.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? __________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________

CHECK THE CHARACTERISTICS THAT BEST DESCRIBE THE APPLICANT (as compared with other undergraduate students with whom you have worked):

ANALYTICAL ABILITY
― Exceptionally critical thinker
― Clear thinker
― Average analytical ability
― Poor analytical ability
― Not observed

ABILITY TO DO CREATIVE RESEARCH
― Exceptionally creative and original
― Adapts and uses new ideas readily
― Responds to suggestions
― Lacks the aptitude for research
― No opportunity to observe

COMMUNICATION SKILLS
― Accurate, clear, and concise use of language
― Above average oral and writing skills
― Average oral and written expression
― Poor oral and writing skills
― No opportunity to observe

ACCURACY OF WORK
― Exceptionally accurate
― Makes only minor mistakes
― Satisfactory accuracy; average
― Makes numerous and repeated errors
― No opportunity to observe

EMOTIONAL STABILITY AND MATURITY
― Mature, poised, and inspiring
― Confident; well adjusted
― Average maturity
― Immature; variable
― Emotional problems

REACTION TO CRITICISM
― Invites critical review; strives to improve
― Accepts correction; shows improvement
― Avoids criticism; justifies mistakes
― Resents criticism
― No opportunity to observe

DEPENDABILITY AND INTEGRITY
― Absolutely reliable and trustworthy
― Dependable in most cases
― Average dependability
― Questionable dependability
― Cannot be trusted

INITIATIVE AND MOTIVATION
― Self-starter; creates own learning opportunities
― Works with little help and supervision
― Average initiative
― Requires much direction
― No opportunity to observe
Below, or in a typed statement, please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge.

1. Does this student genuinely want to conduct research and complete a graduate degree? If so, what are their scholarly interests and what kind of graduate degree do they want to pursue?

2. How motivated do you think this student is to take advantage of the many program resources available to Scholars (e.g. travel to present research and interview at graduate programs, graduate admissions advising, program workshops, invitations for national opportunities)?

3. If you have recommendations for questions we should ask this applicant during the McNair interview process, please include them here.

PLEASE RATE THE APPLICANT'S OVERALL ACADEMIC PROMISE, COMPARING THEM TO ALL OTHER STUDENTS WITH WHOM YOU HAVE HAD CLOSE CONTACT AT THE SAME STAGE IN THEIR ACADEMIC CAREERS.

Within the top 10% ___ Within the top 20% ___ Within the top 30% ___ Other (specify) ______

YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APPLICANT'S ADMISSION FOR THE PROGRAM
(Please check one):

Highly recommended___ Recommended___ Recommended with reservations______
Not recommended____

NAME _____________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE ______________________________________________________________________

TITLE __________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________________________________________________

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PHONE __________________________________________________________________________

Would you like more information about the McNair Program? ___ Yes ___ No

Faculty Referees: Are you interested in serving as a Faculty Mentor to this McNair Scholar? ___ Yes ___ No

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE UNCG-MCN AIR PROGRAM:

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Campus address: UNCG-McNair Program, SSC, 214G, Forney Student Success Commons, Greensboro, NC 27402