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

ABILITY TO DO CREATIVE RESEARCH
___ 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-MCNAIR PROGRAM:

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