



**Oliver W. and Emma W. Allen Scholarship
Academic, Citizenship, and Character Recommendation Form**

To the Applicant: Indicate below whether you waive your right of access to review this form.

- I waive my right of access to review this recommendation form after it is completed.
 I do not waive my right of access to review this recommendation form after it is completed.

Applicant's name: _____ Applicant's Signature: _____

To the Applicant: This recommendation should be written by someone who observes you as you function in the world, not necessarily in church-related activities. This might be a high school teacher or counselor, but could also be someone with whom you have worked, either as a volunteer or in a paid position.

To the Recommender: The Oliver W. and Emma W. Allen Scholarship at Valparaiso University provides annual awards to selected students who are preparing for a church profession. To be considered for an Allen Scholarship, a student must complete an Allen Scholarship application, which includes a recommendation from his/her home congregation pastor and a recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor in his/her high school. Parents or close relatives of the applicant may not be a recommender.

Thank you for your willingness to serve as a recommender. Your candid assessment of the strengths of this student will weigh heavily in the Selection Committee's decision. This recommendation seeks a comment on the student's potential as a scholar and leader in church and society. Please consider your answers carefully, and type or write legibly.

The following seven attributes are what the Allen Scholar program hopes to cultivate. Please numerically rate the applicant's potential to develop further these attributes (feel free to add comments).

1	2	3	4	5	Comments
	weak		average	strong	

Applicant's...

Clarity regarding his/her professional/vocational direction _____

Ability to communicate effectively _____

Emotional stability _____

Capacity to respond to differing viewpoints _____

Eagerness to learn and grow _____

Leadership capacity _____

Evidence of faith impacting life _____

