 **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.

Return completed form to Nicole Martinez. Fax: 219-464-6898 or email: Nicole.Martinez@valpo.edu by **MARCH 1**.

**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).**

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| 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Please answer the following questions to the extent that you are informed about the applicant. Feel free to attach separate pages if needed.**

1. How long and in what capacities have you known the applicant?

1. Prior to this recommendation process, has the applicant conveyed that he/she is intending to pursue a church vocation? If so, how?

1. In your estimation, does this person’s character and abilities fit with a church vocation?

1. What is your general estimate of the applicant’s intellectual ability and motivation?

1. What kinds of strengths would the applicant bring to a community of scholars?

1. Please comment on any other attributes of this applicant that might be germane (e.g. home, school, congregation, future ministry aspiration, etc.).

Recommender’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recommender’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School, Organization, or Agency \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_