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).

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

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

3) In your estimation does this person’s character and abilities fit with a church vocation?

4) What is your general estimate of the applicant’s intellectual ability and motivation?

5) What kinds of strengths would the applicant bring to a community of scholars?

6) 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: 

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