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LETTER OF REFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF:

_____ Who is applying to the
Last Name First Middle Maiden

New Mexico State University Graduate School for admission and financial support to study in the Graduate Program in Molecular Biology.

(Applicant: please fill out the lines above and transmit this form to an instructor or former teacher acquainted with your education and academic abilities.)

1. TO WRITERS OF LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

The information given in this recommendation will be considered confidential and will be used in the initial selection process only. This information will not become part of the student's permanent academic record. We are particularly interested in the applicant's ability to carry on advanced study and research, his/her teaching ability, his/her capacity to pursue a successful career in his/her field and his/her general character. Please mail this form to the DIRECTOR OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN MOLCULAR BIOLOGY.

In comparison with other graduate students you have known, rate items A through I by a numeric score of 1 – 5, basing your ratings on the level of accomplishments you have come to expect of the applicant.

(Ratings are: 1-truly outstanding (top 10%); 2-superior, 3-above average; 4-average; 5-below average; X-inadequate knowledge to rate.)

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| () | A. | Intellectual ability | () | E. | Ability in written expression |
| () | B. | Mastery of fundamental knowledge in his/her general field | () | F. | Ability in oral expression |
| () | C. | Motivation and drive | () | G. | Adequacy of ability for research |
| () | D. | Scholarship | () | H. | Emotional maturity and stability |
| () | | | () | I. | Self-reliance and independence |

2. It would be helpful if you could cite special indications bearing upon the applicant's qualifications as cited above. The back of this form may be used if additional space in necessary.

For non-U.S. citizens: Please indicate degree of English proficiency for teaching duties.

3. From what you know of this applicant, how far do you feel he/she will progress? (check one)

- () Will probably complete the doctorate
() Will probably complete only the master's degree
() Is not likely to complete a graduate degree without excessive help
() Is not likely to complete any graduate degree

I have been acquainted with this applicant during the period of: _____ to _____

As: _____ (teacher, advisor, supervisor, other)

Name (print): _____ Position: _____

Institution: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____