McNair Scholars Program
RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please complete, sign and return to:
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Student's Information

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(Student's First Name)   (Student's Last Name)

Please complete, print and sign this form. Return to the McNair Scholars Program office in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal (or email with electronic signature to shelly.hogan@montana.edu)

The goal of the McNair Scholars Program (MSP) is to increase post-baccalaureate degree attainment (e.g. Ph.D.) of underrepresented students (e.g. first generation & low income or multi-cultural minorities). The MSP provides students effective preparation for graduate school success by offering key sequence of services. Some of the examples of the MSP services include: undergraduate research internships, presentation experiences, financial support, personalized mentor-matching, graduate school admission workshops, seminars, and academic advising.

Please help us assess the promise and motivation of this student by completing this form and returning it to the McNair Scholars Program office (Reid 405). Thank you in advance for your time and candidness.

1. Please rate the applicant in each attribute/skill listed below compared to other students with whom you have worked.

Attributes/Skills	No Basis to Judge	Upper 10%	Upper 25%	Upper 50%	Lower 50%
Intellectual Ability					
Oral Expression					
Written Expression					
Motivation/Initiative					
Emotional Maturity					
Reliability					
Ethics/Integrity					
Open-mindedness					
Adaptability					
Research Ability					
Good Judgement					

2. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? (Please give dates, if possible.)

3. I would rank this applicant in the top _____% of the approximately _____# undergraduate students that I have taught, advised, mentored, etc. within the last five years.

4. Please estimate the student's **Graduate School** potential:

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average
as a degree candidate				
as a teaching assistant				
as a researcher assistant				

5. What are the applicant's greatest ***strengths*** and/or ***areas where improvement is needed*** with regard to academics, research ability or other characteristics relative to academic success and potential as a graduate student?

6. What is your assessment of this applicant's writing ability?

Excellent   Above Average   Average   Poor   Not able to assess

7. Please provide any additional comments and/or assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate school (if more space is needed please feel free to attach documentation). Your candid appraisal is appreciated.

8. Recommendation concerning selection for the program (check one):

I recommend the applicant with confidence.   I recommend the applicant with reservation.

I recommend the applicant.   I am not able to recommend this applicant.

Evaluator's Signature: _____ Email:_____

Evaluator's Name (printed): _____

Position/Title and Dept: _____ Date:_____