Referee Report for the Science Scholars Programme

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Please complete this form and return it to:

Science Scholars programme
Faculty of Science Student Centre
The University of Auckland
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Symonds Street
Auckland 1142

OR Scan and email to:
scholar@auckland.ac.nz

Referee's Name: _____________________________________________
Referee's Contact Telephone Number (daytime/business): _________________________________
Referee's Email: _____________________________________________
Applicant's Name: _____________________________________________
Applicant's UoA ID number: _______________________________________

To the referee:

The purpose of this report is to ask for your comments on the suitability of the applicant to undertake the Science Scholars Programme in the Faculty of Science at The University of Auckland. Please be frank and honest. These reports remain confidential to the University of Auckland, and the Science Scholars selection personnel, and the information you provide will not be seen by the applicant.

In what capacity have you known the applicant? We would prefer to receive a report from a Science teacher who has had regular contact with the applicant. Note that a family relative or a close friend cannot act as a referee.

If you do not consider you know the applicant well enough to complete this form, please tick box, sign and return.

Outlined below are a series of statements which we would like you to respond to as quickly and accurately as possible. If you do not have the information on which to base a judgement, could you please indicate (uncertain or no opportunity to observe).

Please indicate your evaluation of the applicant in the areas listed below by checking the appropriate spaces.

1. Exhibits intellectual curiosity and the desire to learn.
   Low ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ [High or] ☐ [Uncertain] ☐ [No opportunity to observe]

2. Willingness to collaborate to solve problems.
   Low ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ [High or] ☐ [Uncertain] ☐ [No opportunity to observe]

3. Ability to communicate orally and in writing.
   Low ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ [High or] ☐ [Uncertain] ☐ [No opportunity to observe]

4. Engages with science outside the classroom.
   Low ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ [High or] ☐ [Uncertain] ☐ [No opportunity to observe]

5. Resilience and persistence when stuck on a problem.
   Low ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ [High or] ☐ [Uncertain] ☐ [No opportunity to observe]

6. Is this student amongst the top 2% of students you have taught in the last 3 years?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
The Science Scholars programme is aimed at the best, brightest and most engaged students. We seek applications from students who exhibit intellectual curiosity and interest in science in a broad context. We are particularly interested in students who excel beyond formal tests and assignments, in the context of school or outside the classroom. Please tell us why you believe the applicant has the ability to excel in this enrichment programme.

Affirmation and Recommendation (please tick one box to indicate your overall recommendation)

I confirm that the information set out in this Referee Report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I consent to the information supplied being used for selection processes for entry to The University of Auckland. I understand that I may be contacted personally concerning information supplied in this Report.

☐ Highly recommended  ☐ Recommended  ☐ Not recommended  ☐ I would prefer to be contacted to discuss the applicant.

Signature of Referee ___________________________ Date ______________________

We thank you for agreeing to be a referee for the applicant, and for providing us with this information. Please send back this completed form promptly to the Faculty of Science Student Centre.