NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

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Name of Applicant: _____ (last) _____ (first) _____ (middle) _____ (Jr, II, etc)

Name of Respondent: _____ (last) _____ (first) _____ (middle)

Title: _____ Department: _____ Institution: _____

1. ACQUAINTANCE WITH APPLICANT:

I have known the applicant for a period of _____ years and/or _____ months.

I have known the applicant as ___ an undergraduate ___ a graduate student ___ a research assistant ___ a teaching assistant ___ other (specify) _____

I have served as the applicant's ___ research adviser ___ teacher in several classes ___ department chair ___ major adviser ___ teacher in only one class ___ other (specify) _____

2. APPLICANT'S SCHOLARLY CHARACTERISTICS:

Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students whom you have known in similar stages of their academic careers by placing an "X" on one of the lines.

	Truly Exceptional (Top 1%)	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 10%)	Very Good (Top 25%)	Satisfactory (Top 50%)	Below Average (Lower 50%)	No Basis for Judgment
Knowledge in chosen field							
Motivation and perseverance toward educational goals							
Ability to work independently							
Ability to work as a member of a research team							
Ability to plan and conduct research							
Ability in: Oral expression							
Written expression							
Imagination and probable creativity							

3. APPLICANT'S OVERALL SCIENTIFIC ABILITY:

Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement of this applicant for an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship by placing an "X" on one of the lines.

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Comment specifically on the applicant's strengths and limitations for graduate study in his/her field. Descriptions of significant accomplishments, contributions, and any qualities related to scholarly achievement are particularly helpful. An amplification of your answers to questions 2 and 3 will also be helpful. Several paragraphs regarding this applicant's ability will be more informative than one or two sentences.

IMPORTANT - CONFIDENTIALITY: The respondent should place an "X" beside one of the following two statements as applicable. If "A" is marked, the Foundation will hold your comments in confidence so as not to reveal your identity as the author of these comments, but warns that failure to mark "A" may result in a requirement to provide these comments to the applicant under the Privacy Act of 1974.

_____ A. My preparation of the Reference Report is conditioned on the promise of the Foundation to hold my identity as the author of these comments in confidence.

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