SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Name of Applicant

[   ] I waive any claim to access to letters of recommendation written on behalf of applicants for the Churchill Scholarship.  

[   ] I do NOT waive any claim to access to letters of recommendation written on behalf of applicants for the Churchill Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant       Date

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Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation for the above-named student who is applying for a Churchill Scholarship. The Winston Churchill Foundation provides twelve scholarships for study and research in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics at Churchill College, the University of Cambridge. The competition for the Churchill Scholarship is exceptionally intense: your frank and detailed assessment of this student’s strengths and weaknesses is as essential as it is appreciated. Applications for the Churchill Scholarship are reviewed by a Screening Committee composed of previous Churchill Scholars, who are mostly academic scientists.

We welcome your recommendation letter on the letterhead of your department or research facility and ask that you include with it this form signed by the student. Please address the following questions, and feel free to present additional information on behalf of the candidate.

(1) How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?

(2) How does the applicant stand when compared with other recent students in your department or laboratory? How would you rank the applicant in overall ability and achievement among the students you have taught or directed in research? It is not unusual --- indeed, it is common --- for those writing letters of recommendation to state that the applicant is the best or among the very best students the writer has had, so it is especially useful for the Screening Committee to have concrete examples of your high regard.

(3) Please comment in detail on the applicant’s academic work in the sciences, engineering, or mathematics. If relevant, please comment on his or her work in the laboratory. How has that work demonstrated the applicant’s intellectual leadership, talent, creativity, and dedication?

(4) Please comment on the applicant’s personal characteristics. How do you think he or she will adjust to the challenges of a new academic and social setting? Churchill Scholars are known not solely for their exceptional academic talents but also for their contributions to the athletic, dramatic, musical, or social life at Churchill College. How would the applicant represent your institution and the United States at Churchill College?

Name (please print)  ________________________________________________________________________

Title  ________________________________________________________________________

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