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REFERENCE FORM FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN BIOLOGY

PART I: To be filled out by the application **before** giving it to the referee.

Name of Applicant (Please print or type): _____

Check one of the boxes and sign your name below.

I understand that Federal legislation (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974-Buckley Amendment) provides me with a right of access to this reference form which may be waived voluntarily, but that no school or person can solicit me to waive this right.

I hereby waive do not waive my right of access to this reference form and authorize the referee below to provide a candid evaluation and all relevant information to Texas Tech University.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

PART II: To be filled out by the referee and mailed direct to the Graduate Secretary at the address above.

IMPORTANT NOTE: In addition to this form, please provide a written evaluation of this applicant on a separate sheet of official letterhead. Seal each letter in an official envelope and send it directly from your current work address by a recognized mail delivery service. In addition to an assessment of the ability to complete graduate-level work, we invite any special information about the applicant's long-term potential to make contributions to scientific knowledge and/or public understanding of science. **This written evaluation is an essential part of the selection process.**

Name of Referee (Please print or type): _____

Title: _____ Institution: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

In the following table, I am comparing the applicant to other: Undergraduates Graduate Students

	* Please use this highest category only for the most gifted individuals.						
	Top 1%*	Top 5%	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Below Average	Not Enough Information
Academic Performance							
Writing Skills							
Speaking Skills							
Analytical Thinking							
Creativity							
Motivation for Graduate Work							
Reliability							
Cooperation							
Diligence and Perseverance							
Emotional Maturity and Stability							
Research Potential							
Teaching Potential							

Would you accept this applicant as a graduate student to do research in your laboratory ? Yes No

(If the answer is No, Please explain in the written evaluation.)