B.2. FACULTY RECOMMENDATION LETTER
(Two Faculty Letters Required per Nominee)

Nominee’s Name: ____________________________________________________________

University: _____________________________ Major: _____________________________

Recommender’s Name: ______________________ Position: _______________________

The above named student is applying for acceptance to the Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Scholars Program (SMSP) for the coming academic year. The SMSP is a specially designed program by New York University and New York University Abu Dhabi in conjunction with the Government of Abu Dhabi to offer exceptional university students in their third or fourth year of a bachelor’s program in one of the three national universities in the UAE, an outstanding academic, cross cultural and leadership development experience. The program offers the following opportunities and benefits:

❖ A course taught by noted journalist James Traub on U.S. Foreign Policy OR by NYU President Emeritus John Sexton on the U.S. Supreme Court’s Treatment of the Relationship Between Church and State.

❖ A class entitled, “What Makes a Great Leader?”

❖ Public Speaking and Public Presentations class

❖ Critical Thinking and Persuasive Writing curriculum

❖ Cross-cultural experiences with students from throughout NYU’s Global Network University

❖ Roundtable meetings with global leaders from around the world
Advice and counseling on graduate education options and admissions processes, and scholarship opportunities at NYU New York

Nine-day trip to U.S. (New York and Washington, D.C.) to meet noteworthy leaders and experience the intellectual and cultural riches of these cities

Scholars will be expected to complete all their coursework, including extensive readings, regular essay assignments, class participation, and team projects as assigned. Overall, the work is demanding and rigorous.

Scholars should:

- Be top students with noted intellectual curiosity and a record of accomplishment
- Possess excellent English language competency
- Be self-aware
- Have outstanding interpersonal skills and be able to contribute to the class
- Be creative or have other special talents or gifts
- Demonstrate leadership potential
- Be enterprising and demonstrate a spirit of adventure and flexibility

Please complete all three (3) parts of this recommendation as outlined below.

1. WRITTEN NARRATIVE: Please answer the following questions in an attached letter about this nominee:
   
a) How long and in what context do you know this candidate?
b) What are this candidate’s outstanding achievements, talents, and skills? Please be specific in your description.
c) What, if any, are the candidate’s weaknesses?
d) How would this candidate benefit from The Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Scholars Program?
2. QUANTITATIVE EVALUATION: Please assess candidate’s ability in each category below:

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3. SUMMARY EVALUATION: please check the appropriate box.

- [ ] Highly Recommend
- [ ] Recommend
- [ ] Recommend with reservation noted
- [ ] Do not recommend

Please complete this form and attach it to your written narrative with the candidate’s name indicated on each document. Both the form and narrative should be returned to the designated university administrator (please obtain contact and deadline information from your student) in a sealed and signed envelope.