THE SHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED SCHOLARS PROGRAM (SMSP)

NOMINATIONS FOR THE CLASS 2010 - 2011

(3) FACULTY REFERENCE LETTER
(Two Letters Required per Candidate)

Candidate’s Name: ____________________________________________

University: ___________________________________ Major: ____________________________________________

Recommender’s Name: ___________________________________ Position: ________________________

The above-named student has been nominated by this university for participation in 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 years of a bachelor’s program in one of the 3 national universities in the UAE the following opportunities and benefits:

- Special Academic Courses – interactive and intensive:
  - One-half of the Scholars will take a course taught by NYU President Sexton on the U.S. Supreme Court’s treatment of religion and government
  - The other half will take a two-part set of mini-courses: six sessions each on U.S. Foreign Policy (taught by noted journalist James Traub) and on U.S. Presidential Politics (taught by political strategist Robert Shrum)
- Leadership Class
- Cross-cultural experiences and
- Intensive English Language and Public Speaking Courses
- Roundtable meetings with local UAE leaders
- Advice and Counseling on graduate education options and admissions processes
- One week trip to US (New York and Washington, DC) to meet noteworthy leaders and experience the intellectual and cultural riches of these regions

Scholars will be expected to complete all their coursework, including extensive readings, regular essay assignments, class participation, and team projects. Based on feedback from the past 2 classes, the work is demanding and rigorous.

The selection criteria include:

- Being among the very top students at the university in terms of intellectual curiosity and record of accomplishment
- Excellent English language ability (all instruction is in English)
- Self-awareness and integrity
- Enthusiasm about learning
- Superior interpersonal skills
- Creativity and an enterprising spirit
- Leadership ability or potential for leadership
- Spirit of adventure and flexibility

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

1. **WRITTEN NARRATIVE:** Please answer the following questions about this candidate. (Use additional paper)
   
   a) How long and in what connection 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 circle the number of your evaluation of this candidate’s ability in each category.

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3. **SUMMARY EVALUATION:** Please check the appropriate box.

   - [ ] Highly Recommend
   - [ ] Recommend
   - [ ] Recommend w/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 school in a sealed and signed envelope. Please be sure to complete your recommendation documents in enough time for the School’s deadline for submission, which is April 22, 2010.

**DEADLINE:** Please email all documents in a zipped folder to: smsp.nyuad@nyu.edu by April 22, 2010

**NOTE:** A nomination is not complete unless all documents are received by the deadline.

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