THE SHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED SCHOLARS PROGRAM (SMSP)

NOMINATIONS FOR THE CLASS 2010 - 2011

SUMMARY OF THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Candidates must be placed in nomination for the SMSP Class of 2010-2011 by officials at the participating colleges or universities. Documents required for each nomination are as follows:

A. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS:

1) School Nomination Form – the nominator will receive an emailed confirmation in response.
2) Most recent academic transcript - indicating high academic achievement;
3) Two recommendation letters from faculty members – highlighting the candidate’s qualifications and achievements (see Faculty Reference Letter);
4) Certification of English proficiency – a letter from an official of the candidate’s School verifying the candidate’s ability to communicate well in written and spoken English, and confirming the results from the student’s latest IELTS or TOEFL scores (obtained within the last 12 months);

B. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATE:

5) Candidate’s Certification and Parental Consent - with the candidate’s and parent’s signatures;
6) Candidate’s resume – use the “Standard Resume Format” posted on the website;
7) Candidate’s photograph – to assist with the accurate compilation of nomination materials;
8) Copy of candidate’s current passport – photo page, showing visa if applicable;
9) A personal statement from the candidate – up to 750 words, in English, explaining his or her interest in (1) the Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Scholars program, (2) either President Sexton’s course or the Traub/Shrum course, and (3) how he or she sees the relationship between the program and his or her academic trajectory and life goals;
10) A description of a project completed by the candidate – (or presentation of its results) that demonstrates his or her interests, intelligence, creativity, and academic or artistic accomplishment. Examples might include an essay; story; a painting, drawing, print, or photograph; a website project; a lab project, or similar undertaking;
11) Self-Description (Biography) of the candidate – a brief narrative biography or self-description of 100 - 120 words suitable for use by the media and/or the program should the candidate be selected as a Finalist or Scholar. NOTE: Program administrators may need to edit this for style or consistency.

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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