



OCIA Research and Education
Organic Crop Improvement Association

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Letters of Support for the OCIA Scholarship Applicant

All applications for the OCIA Scholarship must include two(2) letters of support for the student from a faculty member and/or administrator of the student's current or previous institution (e.g. professor, dean).

Letters of reference are important to the assessment of candidates. The most effective references are given by those who can provide a thoughtful and specific commentary on the student's skills, achievements and reasons why he/she is worthy of this award.

Scholarship Applicant's Name:

Reference's Name:

Title:

Address:

Email:

1. In what capacity do you know the student?
2. How long have you known the student? (yr/mo) From:_____ To:_____
3. Specific Abilities: For each category, check the most appropriate box:

Attribute	Outstanding (top 5%)	Superior (top 15%)	Good (top 25%)	Average (top50%)	Marginal (lower50%)	Inadequate opportunity to assess
Research Ability						
Creativity						
Initiative						
Integrity						
Industriousness						
Judgement						
Academic ability						
Overall Rating						

4. Please provide your specific assessment of the student's achievements and qualities, including the ability to conduct research, both generally and with regard to this project. Also, please describe the student's ability to contribute to the advancement of organics.