

Somerset Scholarship Foundation Fund
CONFIDENTIAL APPLICANT APPRAISAL (COUNSELOR'S RECOMMENDATION)

*This confidential appraisal must be completed and signed by a high school counselor or other school official. It should be returned to SSFF Awards Committee, P. O. Box 306, Somerset MA 02726-0306 to be received by the student's application **May 1, 2017** postmark deadline. (Please allow for mailing time.) If you have any questions or if you require any additional information, you may contact SSFF by e-mail at somersetscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com or by calling 508-567-4738.*

To the Appraiser: You have been asked to provide information about _____ in support of his/her application for scholarship assistance from the Somerset Scholarship Foundation. In fairness to the student applicant, we ask that you give this matter your serious and immediate attention. This is a completely confidential recommendation and the applicant will not see your private and honest assessment. To preserve this confidentiality, please return this form directly to SSFF at the above address and not to the applicant. The student's transcript is not required.

- A) Approximately how long have you known this applicant? _____
- B) How well do you know this applicant? ___ very well ___ fairly well ___ limited contact only
- C) Please rate this applicant by circling the one most appropriate number below:
1. This applicant has demonstrated limited commitment and ability regarding the educational process and the prognosis for her/his future success in higher education is somewhat in doubt.
 2. This applicant has worked diligently and has generally achieved at his/her maximum potential, but s/he may still struggle in adjusting to the rigor of college-level coursework.
 3. This applicant falls in the "good/average" range regarding his/her demonstrated past commitment and ability to the educational process and should do well in college.
 4. This applicant is clearly in the "superior/outstanding" range of all students and her/his strong success in college is virtually assured based on several past indicators. (This highest-level assessment should be reserved only for the best all-around students.)
- D) This student ranks ___ in a graduating class of _____ and ranks in the: ___ top 10% ___ top 25% ___ top 50%.
- E) SAT scores (for multiple test dates, use highest scores): SAT/V _____ SAT/M _____ SAT/W _____
- F) Please check here ___ if MCAS scores qualify this applicant for free tuition at Massachusetts state schools.
- G) Student's overall Grade Point Average (GPA) or letter grade average: _____ on a scale of _____
- H) Are there any unusual personal or family circumstances/factors which our Awards Committee should consider? If so, please explain here.

- I) One goal of SSFF is to assist those students who may not normally qualify for other scholarships. Students who may have only recently decided to apply to college, who may not have the financial or emotional support of their parent(s)/guardian(s), who clearly come from a disadvantaged background, or who have overcome significant barriers to their own educational achievement are particularly encouraged to apply. If this applicant also meets any of these or other similar circumstances, please briefly describe the situation here.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THIS APPLICANT.

Appraiser's Signature Date _____ Title/Position _____ Telephone Number