

**PRELIMINARY APPLICATION**  
National Awards  
2007  
**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT:**

I waive \_\_\_ do not waive\_\_\_ my right to review the following evaluation.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Faculty Member \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for (circle all that are relevant):

Rhodes            Marshall            Mitchell            Watson            Fulbright

Project title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO THE FACULTY MEMBER:** The Committee on Graduate Studies and Fellowships, to which the above-named person is applying for an institutional endorsement, seeks to identify students of strong academic and intellectual ability and achievement for nomination for the national awards indicated. Your candid evaluation of the student's intellectual competence, special abilities, achievements, leadership qualities, and powers of imagination will be a very important part of the process of selection for nomination or endorsement. If possible, please also comment on the quality and feasibility of the student's project.

This confidential evaluation will be used solely for the purposes of the Committee. Parts of it may be incorporated into a composite Committee recommendation.

If the candidate is nominated by the Committee for one or more of the fellowships or decides to submit an application independently, you may be asked to write a more formal letter for each award that the student seeks, a letter that comments on the particular project the student proposes and addresses its suitability for the goals of the sponsoring organization. The student applicant will supply all the necessary forms, and information as to where and when to submit the letter(s). For more information or assistance you may consult the Graduate Studies Web Page or the Graduate Studies Advisor. We can make available samples of useful and less useful letters, if it would help you.

Please return the **signed original and seven copies** of your letter, with this waiver form, to the address below by **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007** for students applying for the **Rhodes, Marshall or Mitchell** and by **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007 for the Fulbright or Watson Fellowships**. Allow two days for campus mail; otherwise please hand-deliver. We are most appreciative of your help!

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