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Fulbright College
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Middle East Studies

MEST Undergraduate Scholarship Program

Recommendation Form

Dear Recommender,

Please provide a frank and candid assessment of the applicant's current academic performance and potential for future academic growth. Particularly relevant to the committee's evaluation is the student's demonstrated interest in the Middle East and/or North Africa. You may also wish to comment on the applicant's intellectual curiosity, initiative, leadership, personal integrity, maturity, and character.

Your evaluation is an important part of the scholarship selection process. Please complete the information below and submit your recommendation form directly to mest@uark.edu by **March 1**.

About the MEST Undergraduate Scholarship Program

Middle East Studies scholarships are awarded to outstanding students who demonstrate academic excellence, intellectual curiosity, and a strong commitment to the study of the Middle East and North Africa. Scholarship recipients must declare and pursue a major in Middle East Studies and maintain a 3.5 GPA in MEST core courses and a 3.0 cumulative GPA while enrolled at the University of Arkansas.

Selection criteria may include academic achievement, leadership, participation in community and extracurricular activities, study abroad experience, involvement in specialized educational programs, and recognition through academic honors or awards. Financial need may also be considered.

Name of Applicant

Name of Evaluator, Title, and Relationship to Applicant

Email Address

Department

Signature

Date

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Please discuss the applicant's academic performance, potential for future academic growth, demonstrated interest in the Middle East and/or North Africa, and any personal qualities that would assist the selection committee in evaluating the applicant. Relevant qualities may include intellectual curiosity, initiative, leadership, integrity, maturity, reliability, and character.

Please use the space below or attach a separate letter.