

Evaluation of applicants for WDA scholarship

Applicant: _____ Degrees held: _____ Research degree (MS/PhD)

Evaluation: There are 5 categories upon which the candidate is evaluated. Each section receives a score of 1-5 with **1**-unacceptable, **2**-below average, **3**-average, **4**-above average, and **5**-excellent. The top total score for all section (5 total) will determine the winner of the scholarship.

I. Scholarship

GPA scoring: 2.0-2.45 (**1**); 2.46-2.95 (**2**); 3.0-3.45 (**3**); 3.46-3.95 (**4**); 3.96-4.0 (**5**)

GPA score undergraduate _____ Graduate 1 _____ Graduate 2 _____ Graduate 3 _____
(Note: graduate degrees are those beyond BS. Examples include MS, DVM, MPH, MPVM, DrPH, PhD, etc.)

Mean score=Total of above/No. degrees _____

II. Awards/scholarships

Scoring Tier 1 (student with 0 graduate research degree or residency)

Number of grants/scholarships and awards: <1(**1**); 2 (**2**), 3 (**3**), 4 (**4**), 5+(**5**)

Scoring Tier 2 (student with 1+ graduate research degree or residency)

No grants/scholarships and awards: <3(**1**); 4 (**2**), 5 (**3**), 6 (**4**), 7+(**5**)

Awards score _____

III. Letters

Letters of recommendation are scored as to neatness, conciseness, and the number of qualities of the candidate that are substantiated with facts by the writer.

Scoring-Candidate qualities: For each letter, each quality mentioned **and substantiated** by the writer gets one point. Qualities include: *scholarship, initiative, commitment, ability to communicate, creativity, intelligence, research skills, and leadership.*

Scoring-Neatness: One point is subtracted if letter is sloppily written (spelling errors, sloppy format).

Scoring-Conciseness: One point is subtracted for every page above 2 that is written.

The maximum score a letter can receive is 8 (number of qualities listed above). The score for each letter is summed and that number divided by the number of letter to obtain a mean score.

Score-Letter 1 _____ Letter 2 _____ Letter 3 _____ Means score _____

IV. Communications

Student's ability to communicate is evaluated based on number of presentations to peers or lay persons.

Presentations scoring Tier 1 (student with 0 graduate research degree or residency)

No presentations in professional meetings/conferences: 0 (**1**); 1 (**2**), 2 (**3**), 3 (**4**), 4+(**5**)

Presentations scoring Tier 2 (student with 1 graduate research degree or residency)

No presentations in professional meetings/conferences: 3 (**1**); 4 (**2**), 5 (**3**), 6(**4**), 7+(**5**)

Note; Presentations where candidate is first author count as 1 while those where candidate is 2nd + author count as 0.5 each.

Presentation score _____

V. Research potential

Publications scoring Tier 1 (student with 0 graduate research degree or residency)

No peer reviewed publications: 0 (1); 1 (2), 2 (3), 3 (4), 4+(5)

Publications scoring Tier 2 (student with 1 graduate research degree or residency)

No peer reviewed publications: 1 (1); 2 (2), 3 (3), 4(4), 5+(5)

Note; Publications where candidate is first author count as 1 while those where candidate is 2nd + author count as 0.5 each.

Publication score_____

Total (From sections I-V) _____

Application is disqualified because (check whichever applies):

-Items is missing (please indicate which):

-Submission was received after deadline (indicate date of postmark [yyymmdd]):