

**Aquatic and Watershed Ecology URM
Buffalo State College
Recommendation Form**

Applicant: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

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_____ I waive my rights to inspect the contents of this reference.

_____ I do not waive my rights to inspect the contents of this reference.

Signature Date

Evaluator: _____

To the evaluator: The URM program in Aquatic and Watershed Ecology is designed to prepare minority students with strong academic potential for advancement into graduate programs in Biology. Program participants receive stipends, mentoring, summer housing, and they conduct research within our Watershed Institute. Interest in and potential for success in graduate degree programs is extremely important.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? _____

2. Please rank the applicant in each attribute/skill listed below in comparison with other students you have known/supervised.

Attribute/Skill	Upper 10%	Upper 25%	Upper 50%	Lower 50%	No basis to judge
Intellectual ability					
Oral communication					
Written expression					
Motivation/initiative					
Responsibility					
Creativity					
Open-mindedness					

3. Please write a short but considered assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate school. Include a discussion of any particular strengths and weaknesses about the student's ability to conduct research. We appreciate your candid appraisal.

4. Please check one:

_____ I recommend the applicant with confidence

_____ I recommend the applicant

_____ I recommend the applicant with reservation

_____ I do not recommend the applicant

Signature and date: _____

Name (please print): _____

Position & Department: _____

Institution: _____ **Phone:** _____

Mailing address: _____ **Email:** _____

Please return form by an arrival date of 30 April, 2011 to :

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