

BC3 Scholars Program - Letter of Recommendation

Candidate Letter for _____

IMPORTANT: Before completing this recommendation form, please read the information below regarding the BC3 Scholars Program.

PROGRAM PURPOSE: The purpose of the BC3 Scholars Program is to provide high-achieving students academic enrichment opportunities beyond the scope of the conventional college classroom. The program enables students to develop academic skills that meet their intellectual capabilities augmented by critical thinking and problem solving. BC3 students will pursue academic excellence beyond delineated boundaries linked to their own academic potential. Scholars course work will:

- consist of a separate project, special assignment, or practicum etc. that a student can complete alongside regular coursework.
- not be calculated into the overall grade for the course.
- integrate into a scholar's portfolio for review by the BC3 Scholars Committee.
- include a 250-word reflective essay highlighting the scholar's course work experience.
- require higher order thinking skills (i.e. the upper level of Bloom's Taxonomy- application/synthesis/evaluation).

SCHOLAR CRITERIA: Scholars Program Student Eligibility Criteria

- **An entering BC3 student must have:**
 - a 3.5 non-weighted GPA.
 - a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, guidance counselor, or academic/professional colleague (see letter of recommendation form).
 - no required developmental or preparatory course work in writing, reading, or mathematics.
- **A current BC3 student must have:**
 - a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, guidance counselor, or academic/professional colleague (see letter of recommendation form).
 - at least 12 college-level credits (excluding developmental or preparatory work) with a 3.75 GPA **or**
 - at least 24 credits (excluding developmental or preparatory work) with a 3.5 GPA.
- **For a student transferring in from another college or university:**
 - The requirements would be the same as for the current BC3 college student.
- To remain in the program a minimum GPA of 3.25 must be maintained.
- To graduate with a scholar's designation, a student must have at least a 3.25 GPA and a minimum of 12 scholar credits in course work.
- Scholars must complete a portfolio that includes artifacts and evidence of scholarly course work based on specified committee guidelines.
- Scholars must deliver an oral presentation to the scholars committee based on specified committee guidelines.

Please evaluate the candidate's ability to meet the academic rigor required for the BC3 Scholars Program in the box below.

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

Based on the purpose and criteria of the BC 3 Scholars Program explained previously, do you feel that the applicant is prepared academically for the challenges of the program? Your candid assessment of the applicant's potential for success in the program would be most helpful to the committee in its selection process. Please be specific.

Summary Evaluation: Please indicate your overall recommendation for this applicant.

- Highly recommend Recommend
 Recommend with reservation Do not recommend

Name of Evaluator: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____