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Recommendation Request Form

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation in support of this student's application to the New Mexico Simon Scholars Program. Our program is dedicated to supporting students who are among the first in their families to pursue a college education. Simon Scholars exemplify persistence, self-awareness, positivity and sense of purpose. Our community believes that higher education is a pathway to a successful and fulfilling life, and together, we strive to create opportunities for holistic success for students, families, staff, and the program as a whole.

The New Mexico Simon Scholars Program is highly selective, and your recommendation plays a vital role in our selection process. To help us evaluate the applicant, please include the following in your letter:

- Your name, title, and relationship to the applicant
- How long and how well you have known the applicant
- Your contact information (phone and email) in case we need additional information

Please submit your Letter of Recommendation no later than February 20, 2026.

Below, you will find an overview of the applicant's personal, academic, and extracurricular profile. We encourage you to consider this information as you compose your letter.

For more details about the New Mexico Simon Scholars Program, please visit www.nmsimonscholars.org or you can email us at scholars@simoncf.org. Thank you for your thoughtful contribution to this process!

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Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant High School: _____

Why I want to be a New Mexico Simon Scholar: Explain why you want to be part of the program and how your values, goals, or experiences align with what the Simon Scholars Program stands for — including persistence, self-awareness, positivity, and a sense of purpose.

Personal Strengths: What are some of your strongest qualities, skills, or habits that help you succeed in school or your community?

College and Career Goals: What are your goals after high school, and how do you believe the Simon Scholars Program can help you reach them?

Extracurricular Involvement: Describe your most meaningful extracurricular activities, leadership experiences, or community involvement. What have you learned or contributed through these experiences?

Memorable Moments or Anecdotes: Share a short story or example that shows your character, work ethic, or growth. (This can help your recommender include personal details that make your letter stand out!)

Additional Context or Circumstances (Optional): Is there anything important about your background, responsibilities, or challenges that you would like your recommender to know when writing your letter? (For example: family responsibilities, work schedule, health challenges, or other factors that shape your experience.)

Thank You Message: Write a short note of appreciation for your recommenders time and support in this process.