

Teaching Assistant Letter of Reference

One Governor General's Gold Medal Award may be awarded each year to a Nova Scotia Agricultural College Graduate Student at the time of graduation. This confidential letter will be used as one of several criteria to rank graduate students for the awarding of the Gold Medal. The general criteria for the award are academic excellence and equitability of access for the student population (across disciplines). Minimum standards at NSAC include a minimum average mark of 80% in the thesis and thesis defense categories of the Thesis Defense Examiner's Report, a minimum grade of 80% in all graduate courses, and ranking in the top 20% of their teaching assistant peer group. The teaching assistantship is an academic requirement for graduation from the NSAC Master of Science in Agriculture program.

Student Name: _____ Department: _____

Course Name & Number: _____

Semester/Year of TA: _____ No. Students in Course: _____

Brief Outline of TA Responsibilities: _____

Please compare the student, on each item, with a representative group which you have known during your professional career. If you feel that you lack sufficient knowledge to give a definite rating on any item, please check "Inadequate Opportunity to Observe".

	Excellent Top 10%	Above Average Top 20%	Average Top 50%	Unsatisfactory Lower 50%	Inadequate Opportunity to Observe
Conducts tutorials or labs in organized, well-planned manner					
Explains concepts well					
Answers students' questions clearly & thoroughly					
Grades promptly/provides helpful feedback (considering class size)					
Overall, an effective teacher					

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____ Position, Dept. _____

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