**SURGERY STANDARDIZED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Applicant’s Name: AAMC ERAS ID No.:

Reference Provided By:

Present Position: Email:

Institution: Telephone Number:

Background Information

1. How long have you known the applicant?

< 1 year, 1-2 years, 2-3 years, > 3years

2. Nature of contact with applicant: (Check all that apply)

❑ Extended direct clinical contact (> 10 hrs)

❑ Extended direct research contact (>10 hrs)

❑ Limited direct clinical contact (<10 hrs)

❑ Limited direct research contact (<10 hrs)

❑ Met with applicant 1-3 times to discuss application

❑ Know indirectly through others/evaluations

❑ Participation in Surgical Skills Course (i.e. ACS/ASE Medical Student Surgical Simulation)

❑ Other (Please describe)

Qualifications for Surgical Training: Compare the applicant to other medical students you know.

1. *Patient Care* – Ability to develop and justify an appropriate differential diagnosis and a cohesive treatment plan.

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2. *Medical Knowledge* – Level of general medical and surgical knowledge.

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3. *Professionalism* – Quality of work ethic, professional appearance and willingness to assume responsibility.

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4. *Interpersonal and Communication Skills* – Ability to interact with others on the health care team and communicate in an effective and caring manner with patients.

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5. *Procedural Skills* – Ability to perform surgical tasks.

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6. *Research* – Ability to identify a question and to formulate and execute a cogent research plan.

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7. *Initiative and Drive* – Ability to stay oriented to a goal and see tasks to completion.

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Global Assessment

1. *Commitment to General Surgery as a Career Path* – Thoughtfulness in choosing his or her career path compared to other medical students you know.

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2. *Match Potential* – Likelihood that our program would match the candidate if he/she ranked it at the top of his/her rank list.

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| Would match | Likely | Possibly | Unlikely | Cannot assess |

Written Comments: Please include any unique features about the applicant that are not covered in the rest of the application. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Signature: Date:

❑ The applicant has waived his or her right to see this letter.