**UoM Sport**

**Sport Scholarship Reference Guidance**

*This should be completed by a suitable referee, someone who has known you for a reasonable amount of time and who can comment on your level of performance and suitability for a scholarship.*

Information for those completing the reference form:

* Aims of the UoM Sport / Focus Sport / Overseas scholarship programmes are:
  + To nurture already identified and verified sporting talent, in achieving a dual career, maximising their potential in academia alongside their chosen sport.
  + To raise the profile and reputation of sport at The University, attracting prospective talented students and optimising performance within the University British University and Colleges Sports (BUCS) League.
* The applicant must meet all the criteria for one or more of the scholarship awards offered by the University to be considered. Please see below for this information.
* This reference should act as a supporting document for the applicant.
* Please comment in all areas with a focus on the applicant’s ability, suitability and any other relevant information.
* It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure the reference is submitted as part of their application.

Applications for the UoM Sport, Focus Sport and Overseas scholarship will be considered from those who meet the following criteria:

1. A University of Manchester full-time / part time student (Postgrad or Undergraduate) OR a prospective student who has received a conditional / unconditional offer and is commencing study in that same year
2. Competing at a minimum of Junior National level and be on a recognised player pathway for your sport (which must be a Sport England Talent funded Sport / UK Sport recognised sport for the SPORT Scholarship)
3. Have Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound (SMART) sporting and educational goals
4. Be an ambassador for your sport with a commitment to supporting the development and performance of the relevant University Sports Club for your sport (if in place)
5. Be able to demonstrate a commitment to striving for personal excellence
6. *Focus Sport Only* – Be competing in one of the universities key focus sports of Squash, Netball and/or Lacrosse
7. *Overseas Scholar Only* – Be from outside of the UK (EU and international students may apply)

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**Sport Scholarship Reference Template**

**Name:**

**Position:**

**Applicant’s name:**

**Scholarship applicant is applying for (please circle):** UoM Sport/Focus Sport/Overseas

**Relationship to applicant:**

**Length of time known:**

**Please comment on the level of performance of the applicant in relation to performance pathway in their sport:**

**Explanation of work completed with applicant:**

*Please provide details of the capacity within which you know/work with the applicant.*

**Are you in support of the application?** YES/NO

*Please comment on reasoning*

**Comment on the applicant’s ability to operate autonomously as an athlete:**

**Comment on the characteristics of the applicant and their suitability for the sport scholarship programme**

*Please include aspects such as communication skills, ability to set and reach goals, ability to adapt to challenges, approach to sport and education*

**Please provide any further comments you may have regarding this application:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**