| Evaluation of candidate for legume scholars award**(To be completed by Nominating Scientist)** |
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| Candidate’s Name: |
| Nominating Scientist’s Name:  |
| Nominating Scientist’s Institution: |

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| **Relationship of Nominating Scientist to Candidate** |
| Amount of time that nominating scientist has known the candidate (in years): 10 years |
| **Relationship between the Nominating Scientist and the Candidate (check all that apply):** |
|  Instructor of university course completed by student |  |
|  Advised university student in conduct of research project |  |
|  Supervised candidate in a professional position (technician) |  |
|  Co-workers in same institution |  |
|  Professional interaction but in different lab or institution |  |
|  Family relationship |  |
|  Social acquaintance |  |
|  Limited direct interaction |  |
|  Other: |  |

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| **EVALUATION OF THE cANDIDATE’S pOTENTIAL TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A GRADUATE PROGRAM AND CONDUCT RESEARCH BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA**  |
| **Please check the number that most accurately reflects your assessment of the candidate compared to peers:** |
|  | **Excellent****5** | **Strong****4** | **Average****3** | **Weak****2** | **Poor****1** |
| Ability to complete graduate level coursework |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quantitative and analytical skills |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to think independently and critically |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to think creatively and solve problems |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to communicate ideas effectively orally |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to communicate ideas effectively in writing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work in a team and assist others |  |  |  |  |  |
| Responsible and follows through on tasks |  |  |  |  |  |
| High ethical standards for personal conduct |  |  |  |  |  |
| Potential to develop as a leader |  |  |  |  |  |
| Openness to new ideas and to changed thinking |  |  |  |  |  |
| Self-motivation and demonstration of initiative |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to function in a cross-cultural environment |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maturity in social interactions with others |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **assessment of candidate’s commitment to objectives of legume scholars program** |
| **Please check the number that most accurately reflects your assessment of the candidate:** |
|  | **High****3** | **Medium****2** | **Low****1** |
| Experience and demonstrated interest in grain legume research |  |  |  |
| Commitment to pursuing a career in agriculture research |  |  |  |
| Commitment to returning to home country after graduation |  |  |  |
| Commitment to service and contributing to the development of home country |  |  |  |
| Commitment to working professionally in a NARO, agriculture university or CGIAR |  |  |  |
| Interest in collaborating with private sector groups including farmer organizations |  |  |  |

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| The nominating scientist should provide **a written reference narrative** (500 word maximum) in the box below assessing the candidate’s academic potential, ability to conduct independent innovative thesis research and commitment to returning to home country after graduation to pursue a career in grain legume research |
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| Nominating Scientist’s Signature: | Phone Number: |
| Nominating Scientist’s Email Address: |

 Please return a PDF copy of this completed form to:

 Legume Innovation Lab at Michigan State University

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