

October 2009

Recommender: _____

_____ (student: please fill in your name) has applied for the Picker Program, a Washington semester internship program conducted by the Department of Government. She has given us your name as a reference.

The Semester-in-Washington Program is particularly demanding. Students must hold a full-time job, take a regular college-level seminar, and complete a double-credit research paper requiring a good deal of self direction.

In the space below, please comment on the student's qualifications for this program, especially her academic skills and evidence of her dependability and self reliance.

Please return the completed form by Friday, November 6, 2009, to Lea Ahlen, Wright Hall 15, Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063.

With sincere thanks for your assistance,

Donald C. Baumer
Director, Picker Program