Letter of Commitment

In addition to the support services provided by the VSS (see information brochure), the nominating person or institution is responsible for supporting the student in the following areas:

- Assistance with enrollment and correspondence with the university's admissions office
- Assistance with preparing the documents for the visa application[1]
- Contribution toward administrative costs associated with the visa application and departure (e.g., exit visa, necessary stay in a third country)
- Organizing the student's departure
- Pickup at the airport
- Assistance with finding housing
- Regular communication during studies, e.g., assistance in building a social and academic network
- Contribution toward tuition fees

Additional Obligations

As the nominating person or institution, you also agree to

- inform the scholarship recipient of the rights and obligations associated with the StAR scholarship, in particular the obligation to submit semester reports on time;
- to notify the StAR project management immediately if the student no longer meets the scholarship requirements or is experiencing difficulties in his or her studies (e.g., drop out).

[1] The VSS can, if possible, represent the student in his or her visa application before the cantonal immigration authorities and the State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) after signing a power of attorney.

Explanatory Notes

Please describe your experience and expertise in supporting at-risk students, your relationship to the nominated person, and the support you will be providing. Please also indicate, for example, whether scholarship funds or other financial support from additional sources are already available:

Limitations on Specific Support Services

If you are unable to provide support in certain areas, the VSS may be able to assist, depending on its capacity (see the section on support provided by the VSS in the information brochure).

Please specify the areas in which you are unable to provide support:

Confirmation and Signature

By signing this document, you confirm that you are able to support the StAR student in all of the areas listed above, with the exception of those areas for which you have explicitly stated a limitation in the section above.

Place/Date: _____

Signature: _____