

2019 Science Leadership Camp Scholarship STEM Teacher/Mentor Recommendation Form

**NEW FOR 2019* Adults who have supervised or mentored the applicant in any STEM activity (e.g., coach of the robotics team, supervisor of a science-related club) is able to complete this recommendation form on their behalf as a STEM Mentor. Family members (e.g., parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles) are NOT eligible to serve as recommenders.*

The applicant below is applying to receive a residential scholarship to attend the week-long *Science Leadership Camp* (July 21-26, 2019) at Penn State University. Your candid assessment of the applicant's interest in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM), quality of character and attitude, and academic achievement and motivation to learn will help inform our decision.

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known them? _____

Sincere Interest in STEM

1. To what level does this applicant demonstrate a sincere interest in STEM? (Check one below.)

Not at all interested Somewhat Interested Interested Very Interested Extremely Interested

2. Please describe 1-2 examples of how this applicant demonstrates their interest in STEM:

Character and Attitude

3. Please check any of the traits below that this applicant embodies in an **exceptional** way, compared to others in their peer group.

Responsibility Effort/Determination Maturity Creativity and/or Original Thought
Concern and Respect for Others Honesty/Integrity Positive Attitude Leadership Qualities

Academic Achievement and Motivation

4. Compared to others in their peer group, how would you rate this applicant’s academic achievement?

(Please circle one option below.)

Below Average Average (top 50%) Good (top 25%) Excellent (top 10%) Superior (top 1%)

5. Compared to others in their peer group, how would you rate the applicant’s **motivation** to learn and achieve academically? (Please circle one option below.)

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Supporting Questions

6. What are the first three words that come to mind to describe this applicant?

7. In 2-4 sentences, please provide an example of this applicant’s character and attitude, evidence of their motivation to learn, or any other details that would be important for the selection committee to consider.

8. Would we be able to make a more informed decision by speaking to you personally about this applicant? (Check one option.) **Yes** **No**

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

May Science U contact you via email* with future STEM opportunities for you and the students you work with? **Yes** **No** **Emails will not be shared with external entities*

Please return this completed form via one of the following means by **January 10th, 2019:**

Mail to:
Science Leadership Camp Scholarship Committee
201 Ritenour Building
University Park, PA 16802

Email as attachment to: sciencecamps@science.psu.edu

Fax to: 814-865-0096

Thank you for your help in selecting recipients of the Science Leadership Scholarship to Science-U. For more information, please contact the Penn State Science Outreach office at (814) 865-0083 or the email above.