

## 2022 Make It Matter Scholarship STEM Teacher/Mentor Recommendation Form

Adults who have instructed, supervised or mentored the applicant in any STEM class (science, technology, engineering and/or math) or STEM activity (e.g., coach of the robotics team, supervisor of a science-related club) are able to complete this recommendation form. Family members (e.g., parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles) are NOT eligible to serve as recommenders.

This applicant is applying to receive a residential scholarship to attend the week-long Make It Matter Science-U Summer Science Camp at Penn State University. Your candid assessment of the applicant's interest in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM), character and attitude, motivation to learn, academic effort, and contribution to a diverse and inclusive environment will help inform our decision.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level in 2022-2023: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

### Sincere Interest in STEM

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

Somewhat Interested     Interested     Very Interested     Extremely Interested

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

### Character and Attitude

3. Please check any of the traits below that this applicant embodies in an **exceptional** way, compared to other peers.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concern & Respect for Others       | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Qualities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creativity and/or Original Thought | <input type="checkbox"/> Maturity             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effort/Determination               | <input type="checkbox"/> Positive Attitude    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honesty/Integrity                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Responsibility       |

## **Motivation to Learn and Academic Effort**

4. Compared to other peers, how would you rate this applicant's **motivation to learn** about STEM? (Please select one option below.)

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

5. Compared to other peers, how would you rate this applicant's **academic effort**? (Please select one option below.)

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

## **Supporting Questions**

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

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

8. How does this applicant contribute to a diverse and inclusive environment in your classroom, school or organization? Please give a specific example.

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

May Science-U contact you via email\* with future STEM opportunities for you and your students?

**Yes**

**No**

\* *Emails will not be shared with external entities.*

Please return this completed form via one of the following means by **January 31, 2022**:

### **Mail to:**

Science-U Summer Camp Program  
Make It Matter Scholarship Committee  
201 Ritenour Building  
University Park, PA 16802

### **Email as attachment to:**

[sciencecamps@science.psu.edu](mailto:sciencecamps@science.psu.edu)

**Fax to:** 814-865-0096

Thank you for your help in selecting recipients of the Make It Matter Scholarship to Science-U. If we need additional information about this applicant, we may contact you. For more information, please contact the Penn State Office of Science Outreach at 814-865-0083 or the email above.