

## 2024 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 scholarship to attend the week-long, day or residential, 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Concern & Respect for Others

Creativity and/or Original Thought

Effort/Determination

Honesty/Integrity

Leadership Qualities

Maturity

Positive Attitude

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 describing 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.

Your 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 by **January 17, 2024** using one of the methods below:

#### **Mail to:**

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

#### **Email as a PDF attachment to:**

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

### **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 Science Outreach office at (814) 865-0501 or the email above.