

NSF S-STEM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
 RECOMMENDATION FORM
DUE DATE = FEBRUARY 26, 2014

Saint Mary's College
 Ryan Dombkowski, Director, Science 206
 Biology Department

This section to be completed by the applicant. Please print or type.

(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.) Major

OPTIONAL: This waiver is not required as a condition for admission to or receipt of any other services and benefits from S-STEM Scholars Program. All rights of access to this letter of recommendation conferred by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-380) as amended, or otherwise, are hereby voluntarily waived. No signature means that the student will have the right to read this reference.

_____ (Date) _____ (Signature)

This section to be completed by the evaluator. Return to Dr. Dombkowski in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal. If you prefer, feel free to add a letter of recommendation in addition to this form, but an additional letter is NOT required.

Information for "recommenders": Please compare students with other intended "STEM" majors.

The NSF S-STEM Scholars Program is funded by fees collected from H1-B visas (money that US companies have to pay to hire foreign nationals). The intent of the NSF STEM scholarship program is to provide monetary and institutional support to US citizens majoring in STEM fields to enter programs of graduate study or direct employment in STEM careers following graduation.

The student named above has asked you to evaluate her academic, research, and career potential. Please help us assess the promise and motivation of this student by completing and returning this form to Dr. Dombkowski at 206 Science, Biology Department.

1. Please rate the applicant in each attribute/skill compared to other intended "STEM" majors.

Attribute/Skill	No basis	Upper 5%	Upper 10%	Upper 25%	Upper 50%	Lower 50%
STEM intellectual ability						
Other intellectual ability						
Oral expression						
Written expression						
Motivation/initiative						
Teamwork ability						
Dependability						
Creativity						
Open-mindedness						
Flexibility						
Research ability						
Critical Thinking						
Independence						
Persistence						

2. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity/course?

If you have had the student in a course: I would rate the applicant in the top _____ % of the approximately _____ intended undergraduate STEM majors that I have taught within the last five years.

3. Estimate of graduate school or career potential:

	Outstanding	Above Avg.	Average	Below Avg.
as a degree candidate				
as a teaching assistant				
as a researcher				

4. With regard to the applicant's potential for a career in a STEM discipline, what do you feel is her greatest:

Strength: _____

Weakness: _____

5. Recommendation concerning selection for the program (check one):

- _____ I recommend the applicant without reservations.
_____ I recommend the applicant.
_____ I recommend the applicant with reservations.
_____ I do not recommend the applicant.

6. Please provide any additional comments regarding the applicant's potential for success in STEM field.

Evaluator's Signature: _____
Evaluator's Name: _____
Position and Dept: _____

Date: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____