



## Current Counselor Recommendation Form

**Student Applicant:** Please handwrite your name and use black ink. Give this to your current Principal or Counselor with a pre-addressed stamped envelope.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying to Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent:** Please read and sign the statement below.

I authorize the release of school records for the student named above. Please include an official transcript of all grades and a record of academic testing. I understand that I waive my right to read the confidential teacher recommendations and the school report.

Parent's or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal/Counselor:** Merit Academy is a rigorous university-preparatory school that offers individual instruction in small class sizes. We seek a student body of accelerated, self-motivated students who place education as a high priority in their lives. Please complete the form below which continues on the following page. This recommendation will remain confidential and will not become part of the student's permanent record as long as the parent has signed above. We appreciate your willingness to share your knowledge about this student with us

Academic Qualities								
Academic Qualities	Unknown	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	The Best!
Study Habits								
Time Management								
Attention Span								
Ability to Work Independently								
Ability to Organize/Communicate Ideas								
Motivation								
Intellectual Curiosity								
Critical and Abstract Thinking Skills								
Consistently Turns Work in on Time								
Quality of Work								
Writing Skills								
Usage of Resources								
Challenges Self								
Preparation for Exams								
Ability to Retain General Principles								
Participates in Most Rigorous Courses								
Skill:								
Skill:								
Skill:								
Skill:								
Skill:								

### Personal Qualities

Personal Qualities	Unknown	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent	The Best!
Leadership Potential								
Self-Confidence								
Reaction to Criticism								
Reaction to Setbacks								
Ability to Act/Think Independently								
Ability to Work Cooperatively								
Ability to Work With Others								
Ability to Work Well Alone								
Level of Maturity								
Personal Integrity								
Sense of Humor								
Ability to Stand up for his/her Rights								
Self-Starter								
Follow-Through on Projects/Tasks								
Traits:								
Traits:								
Traits:								

Please answer the following questions about this student's academic abilities.

1. Please comment on this student's academic abilities in English, Math, Science, Foreign Language, etc.
  
2. Where does this student place in comparison to other students in his or her class?
  
3. Has this student received honors or awards that the admissions director should be made aware of?
  
4. Does this student produce work that is comparable to his/her abilities? Please elaborate.
  
5. In what extracurricular activities has this student been involved?
  
6. What areas would you suggest that this student develop to ensure success at the university level?
  
7. What are this student's strengths and weaknesses?
  
8. Considering this student's academic abilities and personal character, would you recommend this student to Merit Academy?
  
9. Would you prefer to discuss information about this student in a phone conversation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ How Long Have You Known Applicant?: \_\_\_\_\_ In What Capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours to Reach You: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_