 

**AugSTEM**

**Reference**

**Form**

**Spring 2014**

Please refer to document “AugSTEM Application Information Spring 2014” for information pertaining to the AugSTEM application process. ***Completed reference forms and recommendation letters should be submitted via e-mail to*** [***AugSTEM@augsburg.edu***](mailto:AugSTEM@augsburg.edu) by **July 1, 2014.**

The AugSTEM Scholars Program encourages academically talented juniors and seniors with financial need to enter programs of graduate study or employment in science, technology, or mathematics. The purpose of this letter is to help the AugSTEM selection committee determine which students would benefit most and have the highest probability of success in transitioning from their studies as STEM students to a related career.

The student requesting this recommendation has applied to the AugSTEM Program and has asked you to evaluate her/his academic, research and career ability. Please help us assess this student’s promise and motivation by turning in **this form and a recommendation letter**. Thank you for your input.

Student Name: Major:

Recommender Name: Dept/Institution:

1.a) Please rate and discuss the student’s abilities regarding their motivation/initiative regarding STEM.

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| **Motivation/Initiative** | No Basis to Judge | Upper 10% | Upper 25% | Upper 50% | Lower 50% |

(Select choice by making **bold**)

1.b) Please rate and discuss the student’s abilities regarding their dependability.

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| **Dependability** | No Basis to Judge | Upper 10% | Upper 25% | Upper 50% | Lower 50% |

(Select choice by making **bold**)

1.c) Please rate and discuss the student’s abilities regarding their intelligence and critical thinking ability.

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| **Intelligence and Critical Thinking** | No Basis to Judge | Upper 10% | Upper 25% | Upper 50% | Lower 50% |

(Select choice by making **bold**)

3. Estimate of potential for a career in STEM:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Outstanding** | **Above Average** | **Average** | **Below Average** | **Not Enough Info** |
| as a degree candidate  for graduate school |  |  |  |  |  |
| as an employee |  |  |  |  |  |
| as a researcher |  |  |  |  |  |

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

I recommend the applicant with confidence.

I recommend the applicant.

I recommend the applicant with reservation.

I do not recommend the applicant.

5. Please attach a formal letter of recommendation which addresses the applicant’s potential for success in the STEM workforce or graduate school and/or potential for growth in their remaining year(s) at Augsburg. It is particularly helpful if you include quantitative measures or examples in your assessment. Feel free to also discuss how the student might benefit from this scholarship and why they would be a good campus ambassador for STEM. **Please structure and format these letters as you would an REU recommendation.**

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