SCIENCE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation Guidelines:
1. Who may complete this form: A teacher in any subject considered “science” that has had the applicant in a class or as an advisee. Preference is given to Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Sciences. The choice of reference is the applicant’s. The applicant need not be studying with the reference at present; however, the student should be careful to choose someone who can best and most completely answer all questions. Parents or legal guardians may not complete. Homeschooled students should call for advice.
2. Agriculture Teachers not eligible in this category.
3. Please complete this form and return it immediately to the student in a sealed and signed envelope. Application materials are due March 31st, 2017. The application will be disqualified if it is late or incomplete. Visit the SCCSA website to submit electronically: www.clemson.edu/cafls/sccsa
For information, contact (864)656-1534 or SCCSA-L@clemson.edu

Applicant’s Name: ___________________________ Reference Title: ___________________________
Reference Name: ___________________________ Organization: ___________________________

PART I:
How does the applicant compare in overall promise with other youth whom you have interacted with throughout your career? Please check one statement below:

☐ Top 1%    ☐ Top 10%    ☐ Top 50%
☐ Top 5%    ☐ Top 20%    ☐ Other: __________

PART II:
Please indicate the level of your recommendation of the applicant for the South Carolina Commissioner’s School for Agriculture. Please check one statement below:

☐ Highly Recommend  ☐ Recommend  ☐ Recommend with reservations  ☐ Do Not Recommend

PART III:
Please rate the applicant in the indicated abilities or characteristics to the best of your knowledge and provide evidence of specific occasions or incidents that you feel illustrate this behavior in the individual.

1. Maturity – aware of correct time and place for behaviors in situations with peers, mentors and professionals.

☐ Top 1%    ☐ Top 5%    ☐ Top 10%    ☐ Top 20%    ☐ Other: __________
Provide Example/Comments:
______________________________________________________________________________
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2. Collaboration with Peers – Is able to interact with peers in a respectful and effective manner to accomplish tasks.

☐ Top 1%    ☐ Top 5%    ☐ Top 10%    ☐ Top 20%    ☐ Other: __________
Provide Example/Comments:
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3. Demonstrated Leadership – Willing to lead when appropriate or as needed.

☐ Top 1%    ☐ Top 5%    ☐ Top 10%    ☐ Top 20%    ☐ Other: ____________

Provide Example/Comments:
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4. Enthusiasm towards Learning – Desires to learn; develops appropriate and thoughtful questions

☐ Top 1%    ☐ Top 5%    ☐ Top 10%    ☐ Top 20%    ☐ Other: ____________

Provide Example/Comments:
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5. What makes this candidate unique among his/her peers?
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6. Have you observed a time when this individual has overcome a challenge or difficulty? What was it and how was he/she able to succeed?
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7. Please include any additional comments or information about this candidate you feel would be of value for the committee to consider. Please list any concerns you may have.
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Part V: Science Teacher Signature
The information I have provided is complete and correct. I have read the Recommendation & Review Guidelines and the Program Background. I understand that the applicant can be disqualified on the basis of grade level ineligibility, previous SCCSA participation, plagiarism or falsification of information.

Signature: ________________________                                      Date: ____________

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