

**South Carolina Commissioner's School for Agriculture**  
**COMMUNITY LEADER RECOMMENDATION**

**Recommendation Guidelines:**

Who may complete this form: Any representative from the community who knows the applicant and can comment on their character and abilities. Past examples include: industry representative, employer, mayor, fire chief, pastor, troop leader, 4-H advisor, FFA advisor, district commissioner, etc. The choice of reference is the applicant's.

Please complete this form and return it immediately to the student in a sealed and signed envelope. Application materials are due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The application will be disqualified if it is late or incomplete.

Visit the SCCSA website to submit electronically: [www.clemson.edu/cafls/sccsa](http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/sccsa)

*For information, contact (864)656-1534 or [SCCSA-L@clemson.edu](mailto: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: Community Leader 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: \_\_\_\_\_