SCHOOL COUNSELOR REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION

Review & Recommendation Guidelines:
1. Who may complete this form: High School Guidance Counselor Only  
   Homeschool applicants should use association representative or seek advice for special situations.
2. Please complete this form and return it immediately to the student in a sealed and signed envelope.  
   Application materials are due April 16th, 2021.
3. The application will be disqualified if it is late or incomplete. This form expires April 16th, 2021.
4. 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: ______________________  School: ______________________
Counselor Name: ______________________  Date: ______________________

PART I: Academic Scores and Standing
Complete the following information as thoroughly as possible, even if it appears on the transcript. Please report actual scores and not percentiles. Although it is not required that the student has completed any standardized tests to attend the program, please provide explanation if scores are not available.

Class Rank_______  Class Size_______  Grade Point Average_______  Scale_______

Test Scores:
PSAT: Verbal/Critical Reading_______  Writing_______  Math_______  Date_______
SAT: Verbal/Critical Reading_______  Writing_______  Math_______  Date_______
PLAN: Composite Score_______  Date_______
ACT: Composite Score_______  Date_______
Comments: ______________________

How would you describe this student’s course of study within the offerings at your school?

☐ Basic  ☐ Fairly Demanding  ☐ Very Demanding  ☐ Most Rigorous Available

PART II: Attendance Record
Total absences in last academic year: ___________  Total to-date this academic year: ___________
If excessive, please explain the circumstances in Part V.

Total tardies in last academic year: ___________  Total to-date this academic year: ___________
If excessive, please explain the circumstances in Part V.

PART III: Disciplinary Record
Has this student ever been suspended, expelled or placed on disciplinary or academic probation at your school?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, please explain the circumstances in Part V.
Part IV: Counselor Recommendation

Please check one selection below to indicate your recommendation of this applicant for an intense academic summer program at Clemson University

☐ Highly Recommend   ☐ Recommend with Reservations
☐ Recommend         ☐ Do Not Recommended

Do you have any reason to question this applicant’s academic or personal integrity?  ☐ Yes   ☐ No
*If yes, please explain your reasons in Part V.*

Part V: Counselor Statement

Please provide a statement about this applicant’s strengths and weaknesses, explaining why you rated the applicant as you did in Part IV. Please cite examples of outstanding contributions, achievements challenges or concerns. Your response is important and will assist the selection committee in understanding the applicants. *You may use the space below or include an additional letter.*

☐ Please check here if you are attaching a letter.
Part VI: Transcript
Please include an official copy of the applicant’s transcript.

Part VII: Counselor 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: ____________

PROGRAM BACKGROUND
It is important that all persons providing reference understand the purpose and goals of the program. Please ensure that you give the highest recommendations only to students who you feel will excel in and benefit from such a program.

The South Carolina Commissioner’s School for Agriculture (SCCSA) provides challenging and enriching college-based experiences for a limited number of rising 11th and 12th grade students. Each college-based program provides an academically focused curriculum that integrates subject matter from a variety of related disciplines with the overall theme of agriculture and natural resources. The goal of the program is to nurture participant’s interest to therefore encourage higher education and career opportunities in the agricultural and natural resources.

Furthermore, the South Carolina Commissioner’s School for Agriculture is an intense living-learning experience for all participants. Participants should be able to handle the rigor and demands of the program academically, physically and emotionally. Any concerns of the applicant’s abilities to perform should be addressed in the recommendation.

For more information - www.clemson.edu/cafls/sccsa
For any questions, contact - (864)656-1534