

**The Pennsylvania School for Excellence  
in the Agricultural Sciences (PSEAS)  
At  
The Pennsylvania State University**



**PennState**  
College of Agricultural Sciences

**Teacher Reference Form**

This form can be found electronically at <https://agsci.psu.edu/school-for-excellence> for easier completion.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching Subject Area: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How does the applicant compare in overall promise with other students whom you have taught during your career? Please check one statement below:

- Among the very best I have known
- Very good, but not the very best
- Average
- Below Average

2. Please check one selection below to indicate your recommendation for the applicant for the Pennsylvania School for Excellence in the Agricultural Sciences:

- Highly Recommended
- Recommended
- Recommended with reservations
- Not Recommended

3. For each item below, please assess the applicant by assigning one of the following values: (A = exceptional B = above average C = average D = below average E = no opportunity to observe)

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| _____ Analytical Ability      | _____ Appropriate reaction to and use of criticism |
| _____ Oral expression         | _____ Initiative and independence                  |
| _____ Leadership qualities    | _____ Written communication skills                 |
| _____ Interaction with others | _____ Personal organizational skills               |

4. Please write a statement about this applicant's strengths and weaknesses, explaining why you rated the applicant as you did. Please cite examples of outstanding contributions, achievements or challenges. Your response is important and will assist the selection committee in understanding if this student is ready for a sustained, intensive living/learning experience. Check this box if attaching a letter.

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_