

Candidate's name _____



Letter of recommendation: Academic/Professional

Dear Recommender,

Thank you for taking the time to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of this candidate applying to teach this summer with the Breakthrough Collaborative.

Breakthrough is a national program based on a students-teaching-students model. We recruit talented high school and college students to teach middle school students from underserved communities. We increase educational opportunities for our students while encouraging our young teachers to pursue careers in education. Our teachers are academically accomplished, enthusiastic, and committed to academic excellence. We seek the best and brightest young people from diverse majors and backgrounds to positively influence and to truly educate our students.

In our selection process, we have identified qualities that we feel make an effective, successful teacher. Please complete the evaluation form attached to this sheet, make copies as indicated by the candidate, seal them individually, sign your signature across the seals and send them to the sites in the pre-stamped, addressed envelope provided by the applicant. **Please do not send the recommendation(s) to our national office.**

Thank you,
Bobby Cupp
Breakthrough Collaborative
Teacher Excellence Specialist

Please print clearly

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| <i>First Name</i> |
| <i>Last Name</i> |
| <i>Organization/School/Company</i> |
| <i>Title</i> |
| <i>Relationship to the candidate and length of time you have known him/her</i> |
| <i>Phone number</i> |
| <i>Email address</i> |

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Please feel free to attach an additional letter of recommendation if you have further comments and feedback to share.

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Candidate Evaluation Form

Using the criteria below, please evaluate the candidate against his/her peer group; please specify the candidate's peer group (e.g. other students in the class, other employees, etc) on the line below:

| | Below average | Top 50% | Top 25% | Top 10% | Top 5% | Top 2% | No basis |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| Integrity: ethical, respectful of others | | | | | | | |
| Leadership: takes initiative, motivates others, models positive behavior through example | | | | | | | |
| Critical thinking: clarity of written and spoken communication, demonstration of logical, critical thought | | | | | | | |
| Commitment/Achievement: consistently above and beyond expectations, demonstration of excellence in pursuits | | | | | | | |
| Interpersonal: relates well to others, ability to empathize and connect, sensitive to others' views | | | | | | | |
| Personal development: reflects and draws from previous experiences, welcomes constructive feedback | | | | | | | |
| Resourcefulness: copes well with the unexpected, is flexible and creative | | | | | | | |
| Efficiency/Organization: manages time well, meets deadlines, manages multiple tasks effectively | | | | | | | |
| Sense of perspective: maintains positive outlook, aware of challenges | | | | | | | |
| Overall | | | | | | | |

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Additional Comments (*Please feel free to attach an additional letter of recommendation if you have further comments and feedback to share*):

Signature _____

Date _____