

**Reference – Faculty**  
**2019 Governor’s Scholars Program**  
**Please provide your references with this document.**

Applicant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The above named person has applied for a teaching position in the 2019 Governor’s Scholars Program. Please read the description of the program and provide your evaluation of the applicant’s qualities as a gifted teacher and leader for some of Kentucky’s most academically talented students.

**Governor’s Scholars Program**

The Governor’s Scholars Program is a partnership of Kentucky education, business, and government. Its goal is to recognize and develop excellence in education and to motivate and improve our brightest young people to realize their highest potential. It provides a five-week summer academic enrichment program for over 1,020 outstanding students who have completed their junior year of high school. Students must be nominated by their schools, meet selective academic and personal criteria, and compete for places in the Program. The Program is dedicated to the intellectual and personal growth of students, the enhancement of self-confidence, and the encouragement of curiosity. It will offer opportunities to expand each student’s vision and scope.

The Governor’s Scholars Program is seeking gifted educators who are well-versed in their subjects and have a broad range of interests. Science and mathematics teachers should appreciate the humanities. Humanities teachers should recognize the importance of science and technology in our society. Teachers must relate well to bright students of high school age and must be willing to immerse themselves in a living/learning/working environment.

**Taking all this into consideration, please address in your letter how the applicant will perform in the following areas:**

- Thriving within a living/learning community that requires enthusiastic participation not only during the day, but also on evenings and weekends.
- Engaging students in innovative curriculum, designed by the faculty member.
- Nurturing students as they seek not only to fulfill, but also to enhance their intellectual potential.
- Guiding students as they engage in service opportunities on campus and encouraging them as they seek further opportunities for service involvement in their home schools or communities after their completion of the Program.
- Maintaining a flexible attitude not only toward scheduling and responsibilities, but also with regard to curriculum and teaching methods.
- Integrating elements of various academic disciplines in order to enhance every class, every day.

**Please place the letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. Letters can be given to the applicant to be sent in with their application, or mailed directly to the Governor’s Scholars Program at:**

**Governor’s Scholars Program**  
**Attn: Faculty Application Recommendation**  
**1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 210**  
**Frankfort, KY 40601**

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