

# HIGH MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE

## Teacher Recommendation Form



**TO THE STUDENT:** Rocky Mountain Semester applications require two teacher recommendations, at least one of which should be from a 10th grade teacher. Leading Edge applications require one teacher recommendation.

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

School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program for which student is applying:**

**Rocky Mountain Semester**

The RMS is a unique opportunity for juniors in high school to spend a semester living and studying in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. We offer a full honors- and AP-level academic curriculum. In addition, the semester includes three wilderness trips where students learn to live in a small community and work on leadership skills, gain confidence, and confront intellectual challenges.

**Leading Edge**

The Leading Edge is a summer program that offers a challenging leadership development curriculum in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. The program includes a backpacking expedition, leadership development exercises, and hands-on opportunities to practice peer leadership.

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**TO THE TEACHER:** Students need not have any prior camping experience to participate in HMI programs, but should expect to carry all of their equipment in backpacks, live outdoors, and experience a wide range of weather conditions. We are seeking curious, motivated, energetic students who are ready to work hard and try new things.

**Would you recommend this applicant to HMI?** We would greatly appreciate your candid evaluation of this student. Thank you!  
(Please feel free to attach additional pages as necessary.)

How do you know the student? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the student? \_\_\_\_\_

What subject(s) do you teach? \_\_\_\_\_

Please evaluate the student in terms of the following qualities:

**MATURITY**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**ENERGY**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**CURIOSITY**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**INITIATIVE**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**SENSE OF HUMOR**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**ABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**RESPONSIBILITY**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**SELF-CONFIDENCE**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**CREATIVITY**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

**PHYSICAL CONDITIONING**

Outstanding     Good     Average     Fair     Poor     No Basis for Comment

May we contact you for more information?     Yes     No

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form in a sealed envelope directly to the student.  
Applications for the Rocky Mountain Semester are due on March 1. The early application deadline for the Leading Edge is March 15 with rolling admissions thereafter. Please feel free to contact Daniel O'Brien, Director of Admissions, with questions or comments.

