

**THE OUTDOOR ACADEMY OF THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS**  
**Eagle's Nest Foundation**

**PRIMARY TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for:     Either Semester         Fall Semester         Spring Semester

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| <p><b>TO THE TEACHER:</b> This student is applying to The Outdoor Academy. Our school offers up to 35 students the opportunity to spend one semester of their sophomore or junior year living in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina. Students will pursue an academic curriculum, integrated with wilderness exploration, and an appreciation of Appalachian culture and history. We are seeking curious, energetic, and accomplished students who are eager to work hard in and out of the classroom. Should we enroll the student named above, we will contact you, the student's primary teacher reference, following his/her return to your school. At that time we would like to gather information on the student's post-program transition.</p> |
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In what subject have you taught this applicant, and when?

How long have you known this applicant?

Why do you recommend this applicant to our school?

What do you feel are this applicants greatest strengths, academically and otherwise?

What do you think will be this student's greatest challenge at The Outdoor Academy?

Please evaluate the student in terms of the following qualities:

|                            | Poor |   |   | Excellent |   |
|----------------------------|------|---|---|-----------|---|
| academic strength          | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| study habits               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| written work               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| oral presentation skills   | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| work ethic                 | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| attitude towards academics | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| maturity                   | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| energy                     | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| concern for others         | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| adaptability               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| sense of humor             | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| initiative                 | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| creativity                 | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| self confidence            | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| personal potential         | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses you have noted here.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

We are thankful for your time and candor in completing evaluation. Please return it, in a sealed envelope, to the student. The student will need to return this recommendation, along with other application materials to The Outdoor Academy. The suggested application deadline is February 15.

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**SECONDARY TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Applying for:     Either Semester         Fall Semester         Spring Semester

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How long have you known this applicant?

Why do you recommend this applicant to our school?

What do you feel are this applicants greatest strengths, academically and otherwise?

What do you think will be this student's greatest challenge at The Outdoor Academy?

Please evaluate the student in terms of the following qualities:

|                            | Poor |   |   | Excellent |   |
|----------------------------|------|---|---|-----------|---|
| academic strength          | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| study habits               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| written work               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| oral presentation skills   | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| work ethic                 | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| attitude towards academics | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| maturity                   | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| energy                     | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| concern for others         | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| adaptability               | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| sense of humor             | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| initiative                 | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| creativity                 | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| self confidence            | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |
| personal potential         | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4         | 5 |

Please comment on the strengths and weaknesses you have noted here.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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