



**STEP: Student Expedition Program  
Teacher / Counselor Recommendation Form**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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

**To the Teacher or Counselor:** STEP: Student Expedition Program is a college-preparatory and leadership program for academically-excelling, low-income, first-generation college-bound Arizona students. We are looking for students who are responsible, reliable, and committed to their studies and who are determined to attend a 4-year college/university directly out of high school and obtain a 4-year college degree. Students enter STEP in their sophomore year and must commit to attending monthly college-prep workshops throughout their sophomore, junior and senior year. Our program is tailored for students who are interested in considering colleges around the country as well as Arizona and are on track to take AP courses in their junior and senior year. Those students who fully commit to participating in STEP's monthly college-prep workshops will be considered for a spot in STEP's 3-week Wilderness Leadership Expedition a year after they join the program. As members of a self-sufficient expedition, participants will be expected to contribute to the success of the expedition by pulling their own weight, contributing to the good of the community, and treating their expedition mates with respect and kindness.

**Please feel free to continue answers on a separate sheet or to attach a letter in support of this student.**

1. Please evaluate this candidate in terms of the following qualities:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
Maturity					
Reliability/Dependability					
Internal Motivation					
Determination					
Interest in Learning					
Regard for Others					
Flexibility					
Intellectual Capacity					
Self-Confidence					
Integrity/Honesty					
Commitment to College					

2. Please check your overall evaluation of the applicant:

- Excellent Candidate
- Good Candidate
- Fair Candidate
- Poor Candidate

3. Please comment on the student’s reliability, dependability, and sense of personal responsibility. Do you believe this student will take their commitment to the monthly workshops seriously and follow through with attending those workshops? Please elaborate.

4. Please outline this applicant’s top strengths and weaknesses as you see them.

5. Please provide any additional information that would be helpful in the decision to accept the applicant into the program. Feel free to continue on a separate sheet.

Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E: mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to STEP by Nov. 18, 2011 by one of the following methods:

- Scan completed and signed form and e-mail as an attachment to [step@stepexpedition.org](mailto:step@stepexpedition.org)
- Mail to STEP at 6336 N. Oracle Rd., #326-326, Tucson, AZ 85704. (Be sure to include 2<sup>nd</sup> “326”)
- Give to student to include in their application packet.

Thank you.