

**2021 Teacher Recommendation**

#### Instructions

To the applicant: Please ask one of your teachers to complete this recommendation form– someone who can write about why Evanston Scholars is a good fit for you. Please provide your teacher with at least one week to complete the recommendation.

To the Recommender: Thank you for taking the time to recommend the applicant. Please email your response to [**info@evanstonscholars.org**](mailto:info@evanstonscholars.org)by **Monday, April 19**. Please include the applicant’s name along with your title.

**Overview of Evanston Scholars**

**Evanston Scholars** is a non-profit organization that improves college access and success for a diverse group of ambitious Evanston students who are traditionally first-generation college entrants, low-income students, and students of color, starting with the college admissions process and continuing through college graduation. The comprehensive, six-year program offers workshops, mentors, SAT prep, and college counseling to support students with financial and/or academic needs. Please check out our website – [www.evanstonscholars.org](http://www.evanstonscholars.org)

Through guidance, structure, and consistency, the program will help students:

* Identify, apply to and gain admission to good fit colleges
* Identify financial support options to make college affordable
* Transition effectively to college AND overcome obstacles to finish college
* Make connections with peers, staff, businesses, and organizations in the community

**Who should apply?**

Sophomores (spring of sophomore year) who demonstrate academic ambition (2.7 minimum unweighted GPA), and are committed to their education and have a strong desire to complete college. Applicants are typically first-generation college entrants, come from a low-income household (receive free/reduced lunch), and/or are a person of color.

#### Recommendation

Qualitative Ratings

Evanston Scholars believes that there are five traits crucial for college and future success --*Persistence, Engagement, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, and Connectedness*.

Please assess the applicant on each of the ES Pillars of Success by marking an **X** in the appropriate box:

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|  | I do not observe  this quality | Emerging quality | Strong Quality | I cannot comment on this quality |
| Persistence |  |  |  |  |
| Engagement |  |  |  |  |
| Resourcefulness |  |  |  |  |
| Responsibility |  |  |  |  |
| Connectedness |  |  |  |  |

Additional Comments

If there are any additional comments or concerns, please elaborate below: