

# **Submitting an Instructor Recommendation**

The CGTC Foundation requires each student to receive a recommendation from his/her *current instructor* in order to be considered for a scholarship. Students will request a recommendation from an instructor via the online scholarship application system; instructors will receive an email from **cgtcfoundation@awardspring.com**.

# **Recommendation Request**

Hi Robbie,

The Foundation requires an instructor recommendation for every scholarship applicant. These recommendations play an important role in determining scholarship recipients. The student will NOT have access to your recommendation and your responses will not be shared with the student.

Robbie Parks has asked for you to submit a letter of recommendation on his or her behalf.

I am in your English 1101 class. Please submit a recommendation for me. Thanks.

Please submit your recommendation here so Robbie can apply for opportunities.

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# **Frequently Asked Questions**

- Q: What information should be included in the recommendation?
- A: Our scholarship reviewers would like to know your perception of the student's academic progress, attendance, leadership, potential for success, and work habits. Feel free to add anything else that you feel would help the student.
- Q: How long should the recommendation be?
- A: The recommendation should only be as long as needed to speak to the topics above. The recommendation is not intended to be burdensome to instructors.
- Q: What is an example of an acceptable recommendation?
- A: While there is no required template, following is an example of an instructor recommendation:
  - I would like to recommend Jane Doe for a scholarship. Jane completes her work according to the class schedule and her grades reflect her commitment to excellence. She attends class per the course requirements and demonstrates an ability to set and achieve goals.
- Q: I teach this student online and have not met the student personally. How can I write a recommendation?
- A: The recommendation should be a reflection of the student's academic progress in your class. Does the student complete assignments on time? Does he/she actively participate in online discussion forums (if assigned)? These are examples of topics that you can reference in your recommendation.

#### Q: What if I do not feel that I can give the student a "good" recommendation?

A: We encourage you to be candid in your response and indicate why you feel that you cannot provide a recommendation for the student. An example of such a response might be:

I do not feel that I can recommend Jane Doe for a scholarship. She is consistently absent from class and does not turn in assignments in a timely manner.

#### Q: I am not an instructor – should I provide a recommendation?

A: No. Please forward the recommendation email that you receive from the student to Alicia Long at along@centralgatech.edu with a message indicating that you are not an instructor.

## Q: I do not know this student in any capacity – what should I do?

A: Please forward the recommendation email that you receive from the student to Alicia Long at along@centralgatech.edu with a message indicating that you do not know the student.

## Submitting a Recommendation for a Student

When you click the link from the email, you will be taken to the online system. This is what the recommendation form will look like:

Letter of Recommendation for Student	
Recommender First Name	
Robbie	
Recommender Last Name	
Parks	Your name and email address. This should already be prefilled
Recommender Email Address	
rparks@centralgatech.edu	
Letter of Recommendation	
Write a recommendation below.	
	This is where you will type your recommendation for the student. You can also copy and paste from Microsoft Word.
You can upload a file. Optional	
(Max 5 MB; Acceptable files types: .pdf, .doc, .docx)	
Upload File	Disregard the Upload File button.
Submit Recommendation	Click when you are ready to submit your recommendation.

After you click the Submit Recommendation button, you will receive confirmation that the recommendation was uploaded successfully:

Your recommendation letter has been submitted.

**Thank you for your part in helping our students!** If you have any questions regarding the instructor recommendation process, please contact **Alicia Long** at (478) 218-3311 or along@centralgatech.edu.