

STAR Scholars Program: Recommender Guidelines

Thank you for agreeing to write a recommendation for a prospective STAR Scholar!

The STAR Scholars Program is looking for students who are curious, engaged, and dedicated to learning more about their area of study to participate in full-time, faculty-mentored research, scholarship, or creative work during the summer between their first and second years. Students applying for the STAR Scholars Program must complete an online application and secure a recommendation from a Drexel faculty member or instructor, Drexel staff member, or Drexel graduate student. More information about the STAR Scholars Program and the application process can be found online at www.drexel.edu/starscholars

In place of a traditional letter of recommendation, we are asking that recommenders complete a recommendation form. ***The link to this recommendation form will be emailed to you upon the student's submission of their completed application in the online portal.*** The deadline for the STAR Scholars application (the students' materials) is 12:00pm noon on Monday, January 27, 2025. Recommendation forms must be completed and submitted no later than 12:00pm noon on Monday, February 3, 2025.

The recommender form will ask for short responses to the following questions:

- Please clarify how you know this student and for how long you've known them. *(50 words max)*
- Please comment on the student's academic ability and quality of work. If available, please also include how this student compares to other students you've taught or with whom you've interacted. *(100 words max)*
- How has this student demonstrated reliability, responsibility, maturity, trustworthiness, and/or diligence? *(100 words max)*
- How has this student demonstrated other skills relevant to research - creative or critical thinking skills, organizational ability and time-management skills, specific research skills, etc.? *(100 words max)*
- Please reflect on the student's motivation and engagement. This can be in the context of research and/or the STAR Scholars Program, specifically, or it can be more general enthusiasm or motivation to learn for the sake of learning. *(150 words max)*
- Please offer any other comments that you may like to include for the committee's consideration.

Recommendation Deadline: Monday, February 3, 2025 by 12:00pm noon

Please contact Undergraduate Research & Enrichment Programs with any questions at urep@drexel.edu