



Missouri Scholars Academy Rubric for Letters of Recommendation

The selection committee requires two letters of recommendation commenting on the applicant's abilities and personal character. One of the recommenders must be from a teacher.

In our evaluations, we are using the "compelling case" category in an effort to prioritize inclusivity, diversity, and equity at the Academy. We know and appreciate that definitions of inclusivity, diversity, and equity are broad and varied.

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Intellectual Curiosity and Maturity	There is ample evidence that differentiates this applicant from their grade-level peers in terms of mindset, aptitude, and passion for compelling questions/issues.	There is some evidence that differentiates this applicant from their grade-level peers in terms of scholarly behaviors and interests.	While this applicant is a worthwhile and interesting person, the letter reads like it was written about a fairly typical rising high school junior.
Compelling Case	The scholar needs the academic and/or social-emotional experience of attending the academy. Further, <i>the academy will be better for having accepting this particular scholar.</i>	There is evidence that the scholar would benefit from participating in the academy more than their other gifted and/or high-achieving peers.	While there is no place quite like MSA, this applicant has already had many compelling similar enrichment opportunities.
	Letter 1: /10	Letter 2: /10	Total: /20