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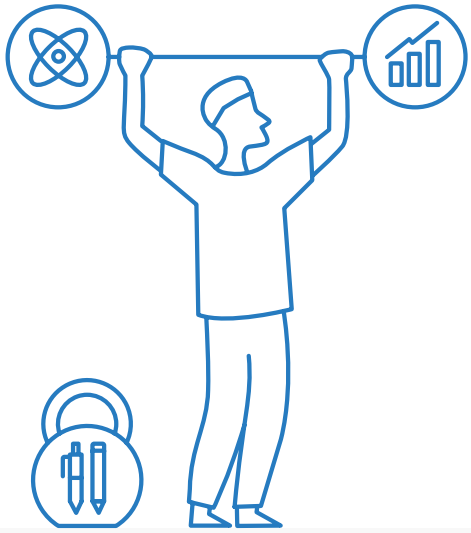

Brag sheet

Student questionnaire for teacher letter of recommendation

Brag sheets are a way for you to help your counselor and teachers write letters of recommendation. These forms give them more insight into who you are outside of school and your interests. Fill out these forms, and share them with your counselor and teachers when you ask them for a letter of recommendation!

This form is for students to fill out.

Complete this form to help your teacher write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. Keep in mind, the more specific the details you can give, the more personal and effective your recommendation will be. Don't forget to take the time to thank your teacher! At the top of the form you'll find a suggested thank you note to include.

Dear [name of teacher],

Thank you so much for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf. I hope you find the additional information about me helpful.

Sincerely,
Name of student (printed)
Name of student (signature)
Date

Student's first and last name

What first name would you like your teacher to use in their letter?

What pronouns would you like your teacher to use in their letter?

Student's email address

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List the name of the course(s) you took with this teacher, including the grade you were in (9,10,11,12, other) when you took the course(s).

List three adjectives you would use to describe yourself.

Describe why you have chosen this teacher to write a letter of recommendation for you.

Describe a lesson or unit in the class that you enjoyed and why.

Describe a project you worked on in the class that you are proud of.

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What is something your teacher probably doesn't know about you?

Below is a list of attributes colleges consider when evaluating your application. Select 1 or 2 of these attributes and share an example of a time you demonstrated these characteristics in class.
Academic achievement, intellectual promise, quality of writing, creative and original thought, productive class discussion, respect accorded by faculty, disciplined work habits, maturity, motivation, leadership, integrity, reaction to setbacks, concern for others, self-confidence, initiative, and independence.

Additional information.
Use this space to share any additional information with your teacher. Is there anything not already stated that you want to make sure they know prior to writing your letter of recommendation?

Thank you for taking the time to share this important information with your teacher!

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