



The Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky Cover for Recommendation

Please return this form and your formal letter of recommendation **postmarked by February 15, 2008. Do NOT return these forms to the student.** Please mail these forms to

Admissions Committee
The Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky
WKU
1906 College Heights Blvd. #71031
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1031

About the Gatton Academy

The mission of the Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky is to offer a residential program for bright, highly motivated Kentucky high school students who have demonstrated interest in pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Each year the Gatton Academy admits 60 Kentucky students who apply during their sophomore year and are awarded admission based on standardized test scores, grades, responses to essay questions, recommendations, and personal interviews. Instead of spending their junior and senior years in traditional high schools, students enrolled in the Gatton Academy live in a uniquely dedicated Gatton Academy residence hall. Taking courses offered by Western Kentucky University, their classmates are fellow Gatton Academy students and WKU undergraduate students. At the end of two years, Gatton Academy students will have earned sixty college credit hours in addition to completing high school. The goal is to enable Kentucky's exceptional young scientists and mathematicians to learn in an environment which offers advanced educational opportunities, preparing them for leadership roles in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. For additional information about the Gatton Academy, please visit our website (www.wku.edu/academy).

The Gatton Academy Admissions Committee relies on the perspective and experience of teachers, administrators, and community members like you to properly evaluate applicants. We sincerely appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration in the completion of this form and recommendation.

This form fulfills the required recommendation from a/an: _____ Math or Science Teacher
 _____ English or Writing Teacher
 _____ Counselor, Administrator, or Community Leader
 _____ Person of the Applicant's Choice

Applicant's Name: _____

Your Name (print): _____ Length of Time Knowing Applicant: _____

Current School: _____ Role/Position: _____ Years Teaching: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

4. Given the curriculum provided by the applicant's school and the applicant's choice of coursework, do you think this applicant has pursued rigor in coursework and is achieving at his/her potential?

5. Do you think the Gatton Academy would be a good fit for the applicant? Explain.

6. Please include any additional information not already addressed on the recommendation form that may be of use to the Admissions Committee.