



# SCIENCE QUEST TEACHER ENDORSEMENT

Fillable form available:

[www.cpet.ufl.edu/sciquest/forms.htm](http://www.cpet.ufl.edu/sciquest/forms.htm)

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named student is applying for admission to the Science Quest Program at the University of Florida and has requested your endorsement of his/her candidacy. We encourage you to read the program information included on the back of the page, prior to completing the endorsement. Endorsements may be mailed separately.

*The postmark deadline for application materials and teacher endorsements is March 31. Complete applications (including teacher endorsement) will be reviewed and invitations extended on a rolling basis beginning April 7.*

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

In what subject have you instructed this student? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your impression of the student in the following areas (feel free to add any additional comments below):

a. The student has a high degree of curiosity and interest in science and/or scientific research.

Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Disagree

b. The student is capable of being productive with limited supervision.

Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Disagree

c. The student shows respect and appreciation for others, and in general, works well with others.

Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Disagree

d. The student demonstrates maturity and a sense of responsibility.

Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Disagree

**Please provide any additional comments that will help in the selection process:**

Endorser's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorser's Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Endorser's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

Endorser's Phone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Endorser's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Science Quest at the University of Florida is a one-week residential summer program for up to 24 selected 9<sup>th</sup> grade (rising sophomore) students. Two sessions are held to accommodate up to 48 students. Science Quest immerses students in various science disciplines to stimulate interest and appreciation for the range of college and career opportunities available in science. Students will live in a campus dorm for one week, attend a variety of lectures and demonstrations, visit research laboratories and other facilities, and perform multiple science experiments. Science Quest participants will look through “Windows into Science” by exploring physical sciences such as Engineering, Geology, and Physics; delving into the molecular sciences, with emphasis on biomedical, forensic and environmental applications; investigating biological sciences such as Entomology, Microbiology, and Zoology; and much more.

Applicants should be motivated, mature students interested in science who want to have fun while learning. Science Quest students spend the week together as a group, and it is crucial that participants interact well for the program to be a success. Teacher endorsements are vital to the selection process, and much emphasis is placed upon them. You know the students well and are the best judge of their potential success at Science Quest. If you feel strongly about a student’s participation, you are particularly encouraged to write comments or include a letter of recommendation. If you are recommending more than one student, we ask that you rank them. Due to the high number of qualified applicants, it is possible that only one student per school per session will be selected. Your time and input are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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