

**FLORIDA YOUTH INSTITUTE 2017
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
TEACHER ENDORSEMENT FORM**

Applicant's Name: _____
Endorsement Forms may be returned as a hardcopy directly from the teacher or in a sealed and signed envelope with the student's application packet. Or the form may be sent directly from the teacher's email or fax. The selection process will begin March 17th.

The above-named student is applying for admission to the Florida Youth Institute at the University of Florida and has requested your endorsement of his/her application. Florida Youth Institute (FYI) is a one-week residential summer program for students entering 11th and 12th grade. Two sessions of 25 students each will be offered in 2017. FYI immerses students in various agriculture, life science, and natural resources disciplines to stimulate interest in and an appreciation for the range of college majors and career opportunities available in those areas. Students will live in a campus residence hall for one week, attend a variety of engaging lessons and demonstrations, visit campus facilities and outdoor sites, and participate in multiple activities. FYI participants will look at the multiple issues in agriculture, life science, and natural resources and will be able to reflect on how those issues all together impact food security and food insecurity.

Applicants should be motivated, mature students who want to have fun while learning. FYI 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 FYI. 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.

How long have you known this student? _____

In what subject have you instructed this student? _____

Please indicate your impression of the student in the areas as follows:

A. The student has a degree of interest in and curiosity for agriculture, natural resources, and the environment.

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

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

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

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

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

D. The student shows overall promise in comparison with other youth you have interacted with.

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

E. The student has well-developed interpersonal skills, will ask for help when needed and will offer an opinion when asked.

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

This student ranks in the Top 1% _____ Top 10% _____ Other _____ % of students I have taught.

Circle one: Highest Recommendation Recommend Recommend with Reservation Do not Recommend

Please provide additional comments on the back or in a letter.

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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Questions? Contact Christy Rodkin, Coordinator, UF CPET at 352-392-2310 or FloridaYouth@cpet.ufl.edu.**