



Sacred Heart University 2020 NSF S-STEM InCoMMon Program Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

Note to the Applicant: The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law also permits the student to sign a waiver relinquishing the right to inspect letters of recommendation. By signing below, the student waives his/her right to read the reference. No signature means the student will have the right to read this reference.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Note to the Recommender: The student named above is applying for an NSF S-STEM InCoMMon Scholarship which is renewable on an annual basis for four years. With financial support from the National Science Foundation, Sacred Heart University will award NSF S-STEM InCoMMon Scholarships. Students must demonstrate past success and future interest in a STEM-field career (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

In addition to a STEM Scholarship, the program will provide students with academic and social support to graduate in four years and successfully pursue either graduate education or a career in a STEM field.

Students are expected to declare a major in Coastal and Marine Science, Molecular Biology, Neuroscience, or Biology, upon entrance to SHU. The program is not intended for students who are devoted to future careers in Health Professions (Medicine, Physicians Assistant, Dentistry, Physical Therapy, etc).

Please return this form to the student named above in a signed, sealed envelope or e-mail it to biology@sacredheart.edu. Your answers to the recommendation questions may be included as a separate document. This form along with all other application materials must be postmarked or emailed to the above address in a timely manner for the applicant to be considered for the scholarship. Rolling admittance to the program will begin 04/17/2020. Thank you for your assistance.

Recommender's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name (printed): _____

Email Address: _____

Name of High School (if applicable): _____



What is your relationship to the student?

☐ Teacher, Subject: _____

☐ Guidance Counselor

☐ Other (relationship) _____

How long have you known the student and in what capacity? What are three words that describe the student?

Please describe a time you observed the student demonstrating a passion for a STEM discipline. What do you consider to be the student's strengths and weaknesses?

Please offer further insight you feel important for our consideration of this student for the NSF S-STEM InCoMMon Scholarship program.