



Academy Seven
Application for Current 5th-Grade Students
Teacher Recommendation Form

Due: January 3, 2012

Part I: To be Completed by Applicant and Parent/Guardian

Please print your name and school information below and give this form and the pre-addressed envelope to your current teacher. (*Your teacher will send this form directly to Steppingstone.*)

Student's Full Name: _____

Current School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent for Release of Academic Records:

I hereby give permission for The Steppingstone Foundation and its representatives to request and obtain the academic records for my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part II: To be Completed by Teacher

To the Teacher: The student named above is a candidate for admission to Steppingstone's Academy Seven, an out-of-school-time program that prepares students for admission to and success at public exam schools and independent schools. A strong candidate is an academically motivated fifth grader whose family actively supports the student's education, and demonstrates a need for our free services. We consider the academic and personal qualities of each student in our admission process.

Your recommendation is vital to our process. We appreciate your candid and thoughtful responses, and thank you for your time. This recommendation, as well as any information received by Academy Seven in connection with the student's application, will be *strictly confidential* and will not be disclosed to the applicant, to the applicant's family members, or any other person not affiliated with The Steppingstone Foundation.

Please submit this recommendation, student's report card and standardized test scores by **January 3, 2012** in the envelope provided to: Academy Seven - Admission, The Steppingstone Foundation, 155 Federal Street, Suite 800 Boston, MA 02110. If you have questions, please contact Shanna Masdea at 617-423-6300, ext. 246 or academy7@tsf.org. Please feel free to attach additional comments on a separate sheet of paper if necessary. Copies are available at www.tsf.org/documents/A7_TeacherRec.pdf. Our fax number is 617-423-6303.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. What contact have you had with the student's parent(s)/guardian(s)? To what extent are they involved in their child's education?
3. What are the first words that come to mind to describe this student?
4. What are some challenges this student faces?

5. In what type of learning environment does this student perform best? What type of learning environment is challenging for this student?
6. Please comment on this student's personality and relationships with peers.
7. Steppingstone is a challenging program in which students receive extra work outside of school. How do you think the student would adapt to an increased workload and respond to learning advanced/challenging concepts?

8. In relation to other students in your class, please rate the candidate by checking the appropriate boxes:

	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>
a. Academic achievement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Academic potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Class preparation/homework	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Classroom participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Effort/motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Conduct/behavior	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Collaborative classwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Independent classwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Response to constructive criticism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Do you support this student's application to our program?

Yes, with enthusiasm

Yes, with reservations. Please explain:

No, I do not recommend this student. Please explain:

Part III: To be Completed by Teacher

Please attach copies of the following:

Current fifth-grade school reports

MCAS scores from fourth grade

Terra Nova or Stanford 9 scores (indicate year)

Cumulative grade reports from previous years (if available)

Circle: Mr. Ms. Mrs. Dr. Teacher's Full Name: _____
First *Last*

School: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____