



Dear Counselor/Educator,

The University of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce the Penn Early Exploration Program (PEEP). This is a fly-in program that will run from October 9 - October 11, and will allow students to gain a first-hand experience with the academic and social atmosphere at Penn as they continue to hone their college lists. There are three main goals for this program:

- To allow students to explore their interdisciplinary academic paths at Penn
- To help students strengthen their applications to highly selective institutions
- To inform students about Penn's all grant financial aid program

Penn Admissions will fully sponsor students accepted to this program, which includes all costs associated with food, housing, and transportation. Given Penn's firm commitment to enrolling a talented and diverse class, we are specifically seeking seniors who are from low-socioeconomic backgrounds and/or historically underrepresented groups, including African-American, Latino, Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian. Interested students from other backgrounds are welcome to apply. The ideal candidates would be those who are academically high achieving, have demonstrated leadership, and are interested in either studying the liberal arts, business, engineering, and/or nursing.

Once the student has submitted his or her application for the PEEP program, you will be sent an official link requesting that you evaluate the applicant's academic ability, intellectual curiosity, work ethic, leadership potential, personal character, emotional maturity and overall strength. Additionally, you will be asked to complete four short answers. Each answer should be 250 words or fewer. Please see a preview of these questions below:

Penn Early Exploration Program: Questions

- What would you say are the applicant's greatest strengths?
- In what ways has the applicant made a lasting impression in your class, school, or community?
- To your knowledge, are there any special obstacles or barriers that this applicant has had to face? If so, how has the student been able to overcome them?
- Please use this space to provide any information or context that would be important in getting to understand the student as a student and as a leader.

Your online recommendation will be due by September 13, 2016, at 5:00pm ET and the student applications are due by September 9, 2015 at 11:59pm ET. Thank you for taking the time to support your student's application for the Penn Early Exploration Program (PEEP). We appreciate the critical role you serve in mentoring, supporting, and fostering the development of these students. Be sure to watch for the link and, if you have any questions, please reach out to us at admpeep@admissions.upenn.edu.

Sincerely,
Penn Admissions