



Dear Counselor/Educator/Mentor,

The University of Pennsylvania is pleased to inform you that a student who knows you is interested in applying for the Penn Early Exploration Program (PEEP*), our fall fly-in program. S/he would appreciate your support in the form of a recommendation.

Once the student has submitted his or her application for PEEP, you will be sent an official link requesting that you evaluate the applicant. This document is meant to provide you sufficient information to help you to prepare your recommendation so that you may submit it by the deadline of 5:00 PM (ET) on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 (student applications are due by August 24, which is the latest date when you may receive the official link).

You will be asked to indicate academic ability, intellectual curiosity, work ethic, leadership potential, personal character, emotional maturity and overall strength. Lastly, you will be asked to provide four short answers (250 words or fewer) to the questions previewed below.

Penn Early Exploration Program: Recommendation Short Answer Preview

- **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.**

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 [peep@admissions.upenn.edu].

Sincerely,
Penn Admissions

* PEEP offers academically high-achieving high school seniors from low-income or first-generation college backgrounds the opportunity to gain first-hand experience with the academic and social life at the University of Pennsylvania, an Ivy League university located in Philadelphia, PA. The three primary goals for this program are:

- To allow students to explore the academic pathways, social atmosphere, and support network at Penn as they continue to hone their college lists
- To inform students about Penn's affordability and grant-based financial aid
- To equip students to strengthen their college applications, especially to highly selective institutions.

Given Penn's firm commitment to enrolling a talented and diverse class, we are specifically seeking high school seniors attending school in the United States who are from low-income backgrounds or who will be the first in their families to attend a 4-year college, and PEEP will include significant content that may be of particular interest to students from historically underrepresented groups, including African-American, Latino, Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian. Students involved in community-based organizations that focus on increasing access to higher education are encouraged to apply. Penn Admissions will fully sponsor students accepted to this program, which includes all costs associated with food, housing, and transportation. PEEP 2018 will take place from Sunday, October 7 through Tuesday, October 9.