Enclosed is an application form to join your school’s STAR Club. This club is designed for high school and middle school students potentially interested in science teaching as a career, whether as a secondary science teacher or as an elementary teacher with a strong science background. STAR Club will provide you with opportunities to participate in activities that will give you insight into what is actually involved in becoming a science teacher. Please complete the application and return it to our club advisor by ____________.

Thank you!
STAR Club Student Application Form

Name: ___________________________
Grade: ___________ School Name: ________________________________
Mailing Address: ________________________________________________
Home Telephone: __________________________ E-mail Address: ___________________________
Gender: ___M ___F
Date of Birth: ___________________
(month, day, year)
Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _______________________________________
Home Phone (___) __________________ Work Phone (___) ________________
E-Mail Address _________________
Second Parent/Legal Guardian Work Phone (___) ______________
Emergency Contact Name _____________________ Relationship to Student _____________
Home Phone (___) ______________ Work Phone (___) ______________

Why would you like to join STAR Club? (You may use the back of the page if necessary.)

What kinds of science education activities are you most interested in pursuing?

To complete your application, you will need the following forms complete and attached to this form:
1. Teacher Recommendation Form completed by a teacher that you have had within the past 2 years.
   (Please note that Section I of the Teacher Recommendation Form must be completed by the student and parent/guardian.)
2. Parent/Guardian Support Form
3. Release Form

________________________________________   ___________
Student Signature           Date
Dear Teacher:

The student below is applying for membership in STAR (Science Teacher Attraction and Retention) Club. ISU's Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education is establishing these STAR Clubs for high school and middle school students potentially interested in science education as a career. This includes both prospective secondary science teachers and prospective elementary teachers that would like an emphasis in science. Funding comes from a U.S. Department of Education grant. Dr. Tom Andre is the ISU faculty member in charge of STAR.

Club activities will include science and education components, providing opportunities for students to give service in the field of science education and to increase their knowledge of topics in science. For more information, visit our web site at www.public.iastate.edu/~mstar.

STAR members will be working with peers, younger students, teachers, and the community. Your responses are important as we evaluate applicants as representatives of our school.
Section I. To be completed by student and parent/guardian.

Student Name: ___________________________ Grade Level: _________

Teacher Reference Name _______________________________________    Phone No. _______________

By providing this form to the reference listed and to ISU STAR Club, I am giving my permission for the reference to provide the information requested to ISU STAR Club about my educational record and academic performance.

__________________________________________________________________________

Applicant Signature    Date   Parent/Guardian Signature   Date

Section II. To be completed by Teacher Reference.

This student was in my class from _____________ to ____________.
(month, year)                   (month, year)

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Comments:

__________________________________________________________________________

Teacher Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Thank you for your time and consideration of this student. Please return this form to this student by _____________.
(date)
Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your son or daughter is seeking membership in STAR (Science Teacher Attraction and Retention) Club. ISU's Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education is establishing these STAR Clubs for high school and middle school students potentially interested in science education as a career. This includes both prospective secondary science teachers and prospective elementary teachers that would like an emphasis in science. Funding comes from a U.S. Department of Education grant. Dr. Tom Andre is the ISU faculty member in charge of STAR.

The purpose of the club is to help students learn more about science education as a career. Activities will include science and education components, providing opportunities for students to:

• give service in the field of science education (Examples: tutoring, serving as a lab assistant, organizing a district science fair)
• increase their knowledge of topics in science
• develop a teaching portfolio (Examples: WebQuests, original activity lesson plans)
• network with teachers, other STAR Clubs in Iowa, and Iowa State University scientists and pre-service teachers
• attend STAR summer camp.

Visit our web site at www.public.iastate.edu/~mstar.

Please sign and return the form below to your son or daughter by ________ to support your son’s or daughter's STAR Club membership.

Sincerely,

___________________________________________    ____________
Chapter Advisor                Date

Please Return Lower Section

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Parent/Guardian Support Form

I, ______________________, have read the STAR Club Parent/Guardian Information and Student Application Form and support ___________________'s application for membership in our school's STAR Club.

__________________________________________ _________________
Parent/Guardian Signature                     Date
RELEASE FORM

In consideration for my participation in STAR Club activities, I hereby consent and agree that my school district, Iowa State University, the Board of Regents, the state of Iowa, their officers, servants, agents, or employees (hereinafter referred to as RELEASEES) may use, reuse, publish and republish my name, image, picture or likeness, words, and/or recording of my voice in whole or in part, and/or other contribution in any media format individually or in conjunction with other photographs or recordings from STAR Club activities, in any manner or form, in any medium for any legitimate purpose, and at any time or place so desired.

I release and discharge RELEASEES from any liability I may have arising from any alteration that may occur in the marketing and editing of said production. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify production due to anything I may have said or communicated in same. I agree that I am to receive no further consideration other than that already received for any further or future uses by said RELEASEES.

I intend for this agreement to be binding on my heirs, successors, and assigns, and it represents the entire agreement between the RELEASEES and me regarding the matters herein agreed.

Please print full name: __________________________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Address: ___________________________

Phone Number: _______________________

Parent or Guardian signature (required if student is not of legal age): _______________________

Date: ____________________________

Iowa State University Representative: Thomas Andre
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