The STAR Program
STAR is an acronym for Science Teacher Attraction and Retention. ISU's Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education is in the process of establishing STAR Clubs for high 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 P.I. for this grant.

Club activities will include science and education components and could include, for example, tutoring, serving as a lab assistant, developing Web Quests, and organizing a district science fair.

We are recruiting pre-service teachers to serve as resource people to these clubs.
Visit our web site at www.public.iastate.edu/-mstar
Recommendation for STAR Club Pre-service Teacher Volunteer

Iowa State University
Department of Curriculum & Instruction

Section I. To be completed by applicant.

Applicant's Name _______________________________________________

Name of Reference ______________________________________________

Title _______________________________ Phone No. _________________

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

_________________________________________________                    ____________________
Applicant signature           Date

_____ Applicant: Please initial this line if you wish to waive your right to inspect this recommendation.

Section II. To be completed by reference.

Please use the following ranking scale:

0: no opportunity to observe
1: needs improvement
2: fair
3: good
4: excellent

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Please respond to the following questions as completely as possible, including, where applicable, a discussion of strengths and areas yet to be developed by the applicant.

How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?

In your opinion, how well does this applicant demonstrate responsibility? (Consider such traits as conscientiousness, organization, time management, etc.)

How well, in your opinion, does this applicant communicate? (Consider the ability to communicate thoughts, listening skills, and ability to accept constructive criticism.)

Recommendation:

_____ I recommend this applicant without reservation

_____ I have the following reservations about recommending this applicant for this volunteer position:

__________________________________________________________________________________________

___________________________________________       ____________________________
Signature                                      Date

Please return this form to:
Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education, ATTN: Kathy Megivern
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Iowa State University
Ames, IA 50011