Durant High School
REQUEST FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Seniors and Parents:

Letters of recommendation are important for job references, college admission decisions and scholarships. Below are important items to consider before asking your counselor to write a letter of recommendation or fill out college paperwork.

- What deadlines do I need to be aware of?
- How many transcripts do I need to have on hand?
- What is the decision criteria for the scholarship you are applying for?

Then:

- Turn in completed request form to your counselor, along with any other requested information.
- Provide advanced notice and allow at least 1 week for completion.

Include the Following with Your Request:

1. Completed attached personal inventory. Use careful thought, depth and detail. (additional copies can be downloaded from the Counselors’ website)

2. Release of Information statement for College Recommendation signed by you and your parent.

3. If applicable, print out or include information describing the scholarship, program, or higher institution you are applying for.

Thank you,
DHS Counseling Dept.

For more information or to request a transcript, please contact:

**Durant High School Counseling Dept:**

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Please type responses to the questions and attach to this form.

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: __________
Home: ___________ Cell: ___________ e-mail: ____________________________

1. For whom or what organization is this recommendation for?

2. List four teachers who know you well:
   a. ____________________________
   b. ____________________________
   c. ____________________________
   d. ____________________________

3. List all organizations, athletics, and or extracurricular groups you are involved in.

4. Leadership: indicate grade level, offices/positions held, and provide specific contributions to committee or organization.

5. Awards and/or honors you have received (also indicate year received)

6. Describe any work, community/volunteer service, church activities, or any outside-school activities and indicate your accomplishments. Please provide specific contributions rather than generalities.
7. What are your personal strengths? What is your biggest area of weakness and how have you worked on overcoming it?

8. Discuss your college/career plans.

9. List any specialized courses that support your college and/or career choices. (include you have completed or in which you are currently enrolled, i.e. AP, honors, math, physics)

10. Are there any extenuating circumstances that I should be aware of (hardships, personal obstacles), if so please explain them?

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Release of Information for College Recommendations

**Student Name** ____________________________________________

You have requested your counselor or administrator to complete a letter of recommendation for you, please read and sign the statement below and return with any other requested forms to your counselor.

"I hereby authorize the release of all requested student records. I understand my student records will also contain any disciplinary records."

_________________________________________ ________________________
Student Signature 
Date

_________________________________________ ________________________
Parent Signature 
Date