

# 2017 GEOGIRLS HIGH SCHOOL MENTOR

## TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

*GeoGirls is a geology and technology field camp for middle school girls graduating from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade in addition to several highschoolers who will serve as High School Mentors. High school mentors provide leadership and act as mentors for a team of middle school GeoGirls throughout the week.*

*GeoGirls is a chance to explore volcanoes and how scientists monitor them. It is also a time for girls build science confidence, camp and hike in the outdoors and work with professional women scientists. During the course of the overnight field-based camp, girls will tour Mount St. Helens, visit researchers in action, conduct a focused research project with real scientists, visit the USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory and conduct a volcanic crisis mission that builds on concepts learned throughout the week. In 2017, 5 high school females from Oregon and Washington will be selected as High School Mentors. 2 High School Mentors will come from Clark County, WA. This program is free of charge.*

*Your recommendation is a very important part of our selection process!*

*Our goal is to build a diverse team of girls who will benefit from an out-of-school, girls-only science experience. We are looking for girls from diverse backgrounds, girls who do not have a lot of opportunity for science camps and experiences, and girls who have either strong passion for science or strong potential for science when cultivated.*

### Recommendation Form Directions:

- **Due Date:** April 5, 2017 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time
  - **Directions:**
    - Thoughtfully complete the [online recommendation form](#) and hit "Submit."
  - For questions about GeoGirls, contact [learn@mshinstitute.org](mailto:learn@mshinstitute.org).
  - Final GeoGirls selections will be made by Mount St. Helens Institute.
  - Are you a female middle school science teacher from Oregon or Washington? Consider applying to join GeoGirls as a [Teacher Mentor](#)! Teacher Mentor applications are also due April 5, 2017.
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### Teacher Recommendation:

#### TEACHER/RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the applicant?

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How long have you known the applicant?

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## APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION

1. Describe the applicant's attitude and background in science.

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2. How will the GeoGirls experience benefit the applicant?

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3. Describe the applicant's science aptitude and/or potential for scientific thinking.

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4. Do you think the applicant will be a good mentor for the middle school GeoGirls and the rest of the GeoGirls team? Why or why not?

*High School mentors are expected to serve as role models and as student leaders & support GeoGirls staff and volunteers in managing camp and supplies.*

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5. When you assign a group project, the applicant prefers to:

- ☐ Lead the group, often taking full control
- ☐ Lead the group, while still considering others' opinions
- ☐ Work alone because she chooses
- ☐ Work along because peers are not willing to work with her
- ☐ Share ideas equally with other group members
- ☐ Blend into the group and follow the leader
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Rate the applicant based on evidence you have seen:

	Not Applicable	Struggles	Average	Does Well	Exceptional
<b>Science Potential</b> – is curious about science and/or but is still developing scientific skills					
<b>Science Engagement</b> – is highly engaged in scientific thinking					
<b>Ability to succeed in an overnight field-based summer program</b>					
<b>Ability to work in a team</b>					
<b>Ability to work independently</b>					
<b>Ability to succeed in an overnight field-based summer program</b>					

(Optional) Use this space to elaborate/comment on any of your answers to the above.

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7. Is there anything else about the applicant that will be helpful to better understand the applicant, her needs, her goals and her abilities? If yes, please describe.

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

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8. I attest that the information I have provided in this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No