

# 2017 GEOGIRLS 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. It 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, 25 girls from Oregon and Washington will be selected. 10 girls 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 make a good addition to the GeoGirls team? Why or why not?

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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/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