



Adviser or Professional Reference Recommendation Letter

Please obtain a letter from your adviser on university letterhead. If you do not have an adviser, you must designate an individual to serve in the capacity of a professional reference for purposes of the Collegiate Inventors Competition®. That person must submit a letter on your behalf. Your professional reference may be a counselor, faculty member or professional connection who knows you and with whom you feel comfortable describing your invention/research. The letter should address the following questions:

1. Please confirm the entry is the original idea and work of a student, or team of no more than four students, with mentorship as applicable.
2. What was the advisor's role in the development of this invention? (How long has the adviser been working on this topic and how long with this particular student or team.) If this is a professional reference, the relationship with the student or team should be described.
3. What role did the student(s) play in the development of the invention?
4. Of what significance is this invention/discovery to existing research or to the current state of the art? (How does it improve upon present technology, and why does it deserve to win?)
5. What special characteristics or abilities exist in this student or team?

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