



To the Student: If you are applying by Admissions Portfolio, please complete the information below and provide this form to a teacher who can readily speak to your academic strengths in the subject area(s) to which you are applying. As a courtesy, please provide them with program and course information so they may comment upon your ability to successfully participate! It is acceptable for your teacher to mail the recommendation to the Summer Gifted and Talented Program directly, but if you are applying by postal mail, then it is preferred that the recommendation is submitted in a *sealed and signed envelope* along with your application form, most current report card, and available test scores. As a courtesy, please provide your teacher(s) with an addressed envelope; your teacher should sign across the back seal and return the envelope to you or mail it to Summer Gifted at Dominican (see address below).

Student's Name _____ **Fall 2018 Grade Level** _____

List the course(s) for which you are applying:

Week 1: _____

Week 2: _____

Week 3: _____

Week 4: _____

WAIVER: *I waive the right to read the contents of the completed teacher recommendation form.* _____
Date _____ Parent Initials _____

To the Teacher: Thank you for your invaluable feedback regarding the above student's suitability for the *Summer Gifted and Talented Program* at Dominican University. *Summer Gifted* at Dominican offers fun and challenging weeklong courses for G&T students entering grades 2-8 or 9-12 in Fall 2018. Your thoughtful feedback on whether or not the above student would succeed in this program is meaningful in aiding admission decisions. We have asked the student to provide you with a copy of the course description(s) and admission requirements for the course(s) selected above. If you have further questions or comments about the program, please contact us at gifted@dom.edu. If the above waiver is signed, then please be sure to submit the recommendation form and your attached letter in the student provided envelope *with your signature signed across the sealed flap*.

Teacher's Name: _____

Title/Department: _____ **School:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone (_____)** _____

How many years have you known the applicant, and in what capacity? _____

Student Name: _____

Please rate the student in the following qualities by checking the box that best reflects him/her. The Summer Gifted and Talented Program is intended to provide academic enrichment in courses that reflect student interests in their demonstrated area(s) of academic strength, and meet the needs of gifted and talented learners who are working at least 1-2 grade levels above their chronological age.

	N/A	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Exceptional
Intellectual curiosity					
Internal motivation					
External motivation					
Ability to learn independently					
Ability to learn with others					
Ability to manage stress					
Level of responsibility					
Ability to complete tasks in timely manner					
Academic integrity					
Academic achievement					
Academic potential					
Critical thinking skills					
Writing skills					
Verbal reasoning ability (for verbal courses)					
Math reasoning ability (for math courses)					
Science reasoning ability (for science courses)					

How would you characterize the level at which this student is currently performing in the subject area(s) to which s/he is applying at Dominican University's Summer Gifted and Talented Program?

At grade level (Average) One grade above (Above Average) Two grades above (Exceptional) D/K

Please rank this student's likelihood of successful participation in, contribution to, and completion of the course(s) selected, and comment on the student's demonstrated area of academic strength.

Very likely Likely Somewhat likely Not likely D/K (Don't know)

Please attach a separate sheet that addresses the following:

- The student's ability to succeed in the course(s) s/he selected
- What the student will likely contribute to a classroom of academically talented students
- Any concerns you may have about the student participating in a challenging summer academic course