



Gifted and Talented Program 2010

Dear MSU Gifted and Talented Applicant:

Two recommendation forms are required. One may be completed by a teacher or an administrator and one may be completed by a parent. If your school system will not provide a recommendation or you are homeschooled, we will also accept those written by private instructors including tutors, music or art teachers, or other individuals familiar with your accomplishments.

The person providing the recommendation should complete the form and return it directly to the address listed at the bottom. They should not send it back to you.

When we have received both of the recommendation forms, we will review your entire application and notify you of your status.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Paynter

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### 2010 Student Recommendation Form

The Gifted and Talented Program at Montclair State University provides students with a rigorous and challenging program during weekends in the fall and spring and a three-week day camp in the summer. Letters of recommendation are acceptance towards admittance in cases where no local gifted program exists for the student's age group. We appreciate your evaluation of this student's potential and performance to determine whether placement in this selective program is appropriate. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this student.

To be completed by the Parent or Guardian:	
Student's Name _____	
Applying For _____	Grade Level: _____
(Fall, Spring, Summer)	(2009-2010)

To be completed by Teacher or Administrator:	
Recommender's Name: _____	
Job Title: _____	Relationship to Student: _____
School Name and Address: _____	
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How long have you been familiar with the student's work?

What are the first three words that come to mind to describe this student?

What words best describe the student's thinking process?

Imitative     Independent     Creative    Other \_\_\_\_\_

What are the student's strengths?

How would you rank the student in the following areas compared with other students of the same age range?

Please place an X in the appropriate box	Below Average	Average	Good	Excellent	Outstanding
Character					
Intellectual Curiosity					
Potential for Growth					
Intellectual Ability					
Maturity					
Academic Potential					
Academic Performance					
Creativity					
Critical/Analytical Thinking					
Problem-solving Ability					
Intellectual Curiosity					
Verbal/written Skills					
Mathematical Skills					
Leadership					
Performance in any arts area					
Probability of					

success at MSU					
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Please indicate the level at which the student is currently working in most of the areas listed above:

At Grade level       1 Grade Above       2 or More Grades Above       Unable to Evaluate

Please write briefly about this student, indicating both strengths and weaknesses and highlighting any specific outstanding contributions this student has made to the school or community.

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**Signature of Recommender**

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**Date**

**Please return this form directly to:**

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