

## Social Studies Teacher Recommendation

Current Social Studies Teacher Recommendation Form

### To be completed by the teacher

Dear Teacher:

Your recommendation is an important consideration in the decision process of the screening committee. Please complete the recommendation with reference to the demands of this challenging program and the full spectrum of students in general. Your comments are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Is this course an advanced course?  Yes  No  
If no, is there an advanced course available in the school?  Yes  No

B. Recommendation for APPS program?  Recommend  
 Recommend with reservations  
 Do not recommend

C. Please comment on the student's academic / personal integrity and performance.

MCPS teachers complete and return this recommendation form to the Clarksburg HS APPS Program via mail, PONY or email; or to the counseling office in the applicant's school for forwarding. If the recommendation is from a teacher outside MCPS, please mail/email these forms to address below: Please note these forms are identical to MCPS magnet program teacher recommendation forms. Those can be substituted for submission.

All recommendations for  
Clarksburg High School APPS program  
must be received by  
the beginning of Winter Break (Dec.)

**Clarksburg High School APPS Program**  
(Advanced Placement Power Scholars)  
22500 Wims Road  
Clarksburg, MD 20871  
Attn.: APPS Coordinator  
sarah\_l\_costlow@mcpsmd.org

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Please use the following rating scale in completing each of the descriptors for this student. Consider the student with reference to the demands of the program and the full spectrum of students in general.

- 5 – Exhibits this trait to an **exceptional degree**
- 4 – Exhibits this trait **consistently**
- 3 – Exhibits this trait **frequently**
- 2 – Exhibits this trait **occasionally**
- 1 – Exhibits this trait **rarely**

	RATING					SCORE
Demonstrates higher order thinking skills (analysis/synthesis of ideas)	5	4	3	2	1	
Learns quickly with good retention	5	4	3	2	1	
Is a keen and alert observer	5	4	3	2	1	
Applies concepts to new materials	5	4	3	2	1	
Quickly recognizes and understands conceptual relationships	5	4	3	2	1	
Seeks intellectual challenges	5	4	3	2	1	
Is sensitive to clock and calendar deadlines	5	4	3	2	1	
Works well in group settings	5	4	3	2	1	
Demonstrates ability to concentrate	5	4	3	2	1	
<i>Demonstrates strong skills in:</i>						
Word usage and sentence structure	5	4	3	2	1	
Content appropriate reading comprehension	5	4	3	2	1	
Content appropriate written expression	5	4	3	2	1	
Content appropriate critical thinking	5	4	3	2	1	
Content appropriate problem solving	5	4	3	2	1	
Demonstrates initiative and intellectual curiosity	5	4	3	2	1	
Is a self-starter and can work independently	5	4	3	2	1	
Can see past immediate rewards to long-range goals	5	4	3	2	1	
Generates a large number of ideas or solutions to problems	5	4	3	2	1	
Is a high academic risk-taker	5	4	3	2	1	
Demonstrates an interest in Social Studies	5	4	3	2	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>						

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Teacher completing form: PRINT

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Course title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade level

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date