

Criteria for writing a letter of recommendation 2025-26 for Mr. Sloan.

The goal of a recommendation letter is to humanize you: to tell admissions officials about you as a person, as well as a student, and to describe your character. To reveal something about you that transcripts or test scores cannot communicate. A LOR provides insight into your abilities, achievements, and personal qualities from the perspective of someone who has observed you in an academic or extracurricular setting.

Ask yourself the following questions and then reflect on whether I could write you an authentic LOR:

1. Have you developed a strong, respectful relationship with me? Do you smile, say hello, and engage in discussions? Do I know anything about you outside of school?
2. Do you take advantage of support time?
3. Do you have an active interest in chemistry or STEM? Is it an area of study that you are planning to pursue in college?
4. Did you implement suggested study and note taking strategies as suggested by the teacher?
5. Did you show courtesy and respect?
6. Are you alert and engaged during class, do you put efforts into our lessons, annotate your notes, engage with our discussions and regularly work through the practice problems provided?
7. Do you demonstrate initiative in classroom discussions, labs and collaborative tasks?
8. What is your attitude toward the class itself?
9. Do you take accountability for your learning?
10. Do you consider learning hard things a burden to endure or as a challenge for growth?

If you think that you meet the criteria for a LOR then print this paper, sign it and bring it to me. We can then discuss if I agree with you and your next steps!

Print Name _____

Sign Name _____

For me:

Discussion Date _____ Agree to write letter? _____ Yes _____ No