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Academic Recommendation Letter for Maggie Huang

Thank you very much for agreeing to serve as **Maggie Huang's** academic recommender to Canada/USA Mathcamp.

Mathcamp is an intensive residential summer program that introduces mathematically talented high-school students to the power and variety of advanced mathematics. We receive hundreds of applications from all over the world, and our admissions process is extremely selective. We appreciate your help in evaluating Maggie's application. For more information about Mathcamp, please visit our website at <http://www.mathcamp.org>.

In their application, the student is making the argument that they are both qualified for and a good fit for this program. We think of your role, as their recommender, as both vouching for the student (i.e., verifying the applicant's credentials) and providing a wide-angle lens so that we can picture their application in context. Your input gives us a window into what it's like to work with the student, mathematically and otherwise. You can help us understand:

1. Is this student mathematically qualified for a program like Mathcamp?
2. What makes them rise to the top of the pile?
3. Is Mathcamp in particular a suitable program for them?

Here are some points to address in your letter:

- What is the context of your relationship with Maggie? (If you do not know her well and are only able to write a brief summary, it's fine to say so.)
- Describe Maggie's mathematical maturity.
- How does she interact with peers who are weaker than her mathematically? Or who are stronger?
- How does Maggie compare to other outstanding students you've taught?
- What will you remember most about her?
- If you are familiar with Mathcamp, do you feel it is suitable for Maggie? How might she fit into the Mathcamp community and benefit from the Mathcamp experience?
- Are there are unusual circumstances in Maggie's background of which we should be aware?

As you are writing, please keep in mind that evaluations are most valuable to us when they include specific anecdotes or stories. For instance, instead of saying a student "thinks outside the box," cite an example that highlights the student's intuition and creativity. Since it's a self-selecting group of applicants, we tend to see students who are getting excellent grades and diligently completing assignments, so you can abbreviate that portion of their resume to a short nod unless there is something unusual to mention.

We appreciate your candid and comprehensive evaluation.

A special note to math summer program and math circle instructors:

If you know the applicant through a math enrichment program: hello, colleague! You can very directly address what it might be like for us to work with this student, so we have some more specific questions for you. We are particularly interested to know: can this student write proofs on their own? Which classes did they take at your program? How did they compare with their classmates? What do you think of as their main strengths and weaknesses? Do you feel that they are ready for Mathcamp's curriculum?

Once you have finished your letter, don't forget to click the button marked "Submit Letter" at the bottom of the page. The deadline for submitting your recommendation letter is **March 15, 2019**.

Thank you, once again, for your help in this process and for supporting talented students in mathematics!

Your First Name *

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Your Preferred Name, if different

Your Last Name *

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How familiar are you with Mathcamp? *

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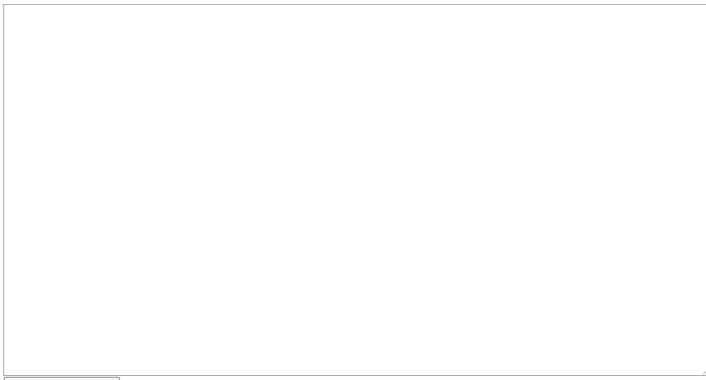
...or describe your familiarity here:

What is your relationship to Maggie Huang? *

How long have you known her? *

A phone number you can be reached at: *

Type or Paste your Recommendation Letter Here *



Please note: Once you submit your recommendation letter, you will no longer be able to make changes to it.

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