Recommendation for Honors at Houghton
East Meets West and Honors in London

Please submit this recommendation to:
Honors at Houghton
Office of Admission
Houghton College
Houghton, NY 14744
Email: honors@houghton.edu | Fax: 585.567.9522

Name of Applicant _____________________________________________________________________

To the applicant: Please write your name in the space provided above, read the waiver below and indicate your choice, then present this form to the teacher whom you have chosen to act as your reference. This teacher may return this recommendation in one of the postage-paid envelopes enclosed with your Honors at Houghton application materials. Your recommendation should be written by a teacher in a core subject area who has taught you recently.

To the recommendation writer: Please note the waiver below. Thank you for your willingness to complete this important recommendation at your earliest convenience.

WAIVER

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 opens many records for students’ inspection. The law also permits a student to sign a waiver relinquishing his/her right to inspect letters of recommendation.

______ I waive ______ I do not waive my right to read this recommendation.

Signature of Applicant __________________________________ Date __________________________

Recommender’s Name _______________________________________________________________

School ________________________________________ Position _________________________________

Email Address ________________________________ Phone Number __________________________

TO THE RECOMMENDER: Please respond to the information requested on this form by commenting on the applicant’s strengths or limitations in each of the four categories listed on the opposite page. Illustrative examples are more helpful than generic statements. If you need to use additional sheets of paper, please attach them to this form. Your comments will be held in confidence provided that the applicant has waived his or her rights. Your candid responses are appreciated.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? ____________________________

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Please comment on the applicant’s overall intellectual ability. For example, is this student quick to grasp new concepts or complex arguments? Is this student a careful and perceptive reader?

Please comment on the applicant’s level of intellectual curiosity. For example, is this student engaged by ideas? Does this student pursue conversations about ideas outside of class, or does this student separate intellectual life from the rest? Is this student an independent reader? If so, does his or her reading contain material with depth and interest?

Please comment on the applicant’s diligence. For example, does this student complete substantial projects on time? How does this student respond to challenges that are initially beyond his or her current ability/comfort level?

Please comment on the applicant’s overall maturity and social intelligence. For example, is this student respectful? Appreciated by peers? How does this student respond to stressful situations?