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## STEM Ambassador Application Guidance

Student applications for the STEM Ambassador program will be evaluated using the following criteria. Please review this information prior to submission, and feel free to share these details with your requested recommender.

### 1. Resume

- Work/Research Experience
  - Any NASA, STEM, education, or communication-related positions
  - Leadership positions
- Academic Performance
- Extracurricular Activities
  - Leadership roles
- Professional Presentation of Resume

### 2. Letter of Recommendation

- Academic and technical capabilities
- Student character
- Communication and collaboration skills
- Attributes that make this student an ideal candidate for this program

### 3. Transcript

- Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- All majors welcome to apply

### 4. Essay

Essays must address each of the following questions, and **each separate response must not exceed 350 words.**

*Questions #4 and #5 are for applicants who have already completed at least one year as a STEM Ambassador. These applicants must answer all five questions. All other applicants must answer the first three questions.*

1. What makes you a great communicator and team player? Describe your experiences in these areas. (250-350 words)



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2. A. Describe your academic and career goals, and how this program will help you to achieve these goals. (Combined with 2B: 250-350 words)  
  
B. In what specific way(s) do you want your work in the STEM community to make life better for others? (Combined with 2A: 250-350 words)
3. What projects have you started on your own? Why did you start them, and what did you learn? (These projects do not have to be STEM-related. (250-350 words))
4. *Additional question for students who have previously held the position of STEM Ambassador:* What experiences over the past year have helped you to grow as a STEM Ambassador? (250-350 words)
5. *Additional question for students who have previously held the position of STEM Ambassador:* What are your goals for continued improvement over the next year in your role as a STEM Ambassador? (250-350 words)

## 5. Additional Information

- STEM Ambassador applications expire after three semesters.
  - i. Summer STEM Ambassadors may keep their position through the summer, fall, and spring semesters. They will submit a new STEM Ambassador application by the following April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline if they want to continue their STEM Ambassador position.
  - ii. Fall STEM Ambassadors may keep their position through the fall, spring and summer semesters. They will submit a new STEM Ambassador application by the following June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline if they want to continue their STEM Ambassador position.
- Per NASA guidelines, students receiving NASA funding must maintain a 3.0 GPA.
  - i. At the end of each semester, STEM Ambassadors who will be continuing their employment the following semester must submit an unofficial transcript to confirm that they have maintained a 3.0 GPA.