

# IQ STEM: INCREASING QUALITY STEM SECONDARY EDUCATORS IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

**Program Overview:** The focus of the IQ STEM grant is to use experiential learning and increased practicum experiences to improve the quality of secondary STEM educators. It aims to recruit "Noyce Scholars": undergraduate students with strong STEM backgrounds who might otherwise not have considered a career in K-12 teaching. Ideal candidates demonstrate academic leadership characteristics as well as a desire to increase their knowledge of mathematics, science, and/or education. Students selected for the program will receive scholarship money and training in order to prepare them for a four year required commitment to teaching in schools that classify as an area of high need.

## RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant?

It what capacity have you known the applicant?

On the following page or as a separate document please provide a letter of **recommendation** that provides any information you feel would be helpful in assessing the applicant's acceptance into the IQ:STEM program.

Letters should address, but are not limited to the following information: Student's intellectual abilities in the STEM fields, potential capabilities as a teacher, leadership skills and experience with service.



