

IOWA YOUNG WRITERS' STUDIO

GUIDELINES FOR TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

One of your students is applying to the Iowa Young Writers' Studio's Online Camp 2021. During each of two, 2-week sessions, June 13-26 and July 11-24, 2021, we'll be offering an immersive online writing experience that will include core courses in fiction, poetry, personal essay, TV writing, and playwriting; readings by exciting published writers; workshops and discussions on writing-related subjects taught by expert staff; as well as open mics, talent shows, social gatherings, icebreakers, and other events that are typically a part of our Summer Residential Program, and that will be specifically designed to allow students to connect with other young writers like themselves.

We are looking for talented, creative students with a real desire to write. Our application process is designed to help us get to know our applicants as well as we can.

We are not simply concerned with a student's academic abilities; we are trying to form a community, so we are interested in how you think he or she will interact with the other writers in the program. Include any specific stories or other evidence that will help introduce us to this student.

In your letter, please comment on your student's writing ability, dedication to his or her studies, and his or her maturity level in the classroom. Does this student truly enjoy writing? Will he or she participate fully in the Iowa Young Writers' Studio? Is this an opportunity that he or she will make the most of at this time, or is it an opportunity better offered in the future? If the choice were up to you, would you ask this student to join the Studio?

You may upload your letter using Submittable, our application management software, with the following link:

<https://iowayoungwritersstudio.submittable.com/submit/183054/2021-online-camp-letter-of-rec-upload>

If you're unable to upload your letter, you may e-mail it to the Studio at iyws@uiowa.edu. Please write LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION in the subject line.

Thank you for your time and attention. If you have any questions about the letter of recommendation or would like more information about the Iowa Young Writers' Studio please contact:

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