

Advisor or Professional Reference Recommendation Letter

Please obtain a letter from your advisor on university letterhead. If you do not have an advisor, you must designate an individual to serve in the capacity of an advisor/professional reference for purposes of the Competition. That person must submit a letter on your behalf. Your advisor may be a counselor, faculty member or professional connection who knows you and with whom you feel comfortable describing your invention/research. The reference letter should address the following questions:

1. Please confirm the entry is the original idea and work of a student, or team of no more than four students, with mentorship from an advisor.
2. What was your role in the development of this invention? (Indicate how long you have been working on this topic and how long you have been working on this topic with this particular student or team.) If this is a professional recommendation, please describe your relationship with the student or team.
3. What role did the student(s) play in the development of the invention?
4. Of what significance is this invention/discovery to existing research or to the current state of the art? (How does it improve upon present technology, and why does it deserve to win?)
5. What special characteristics or abilities have you noticed in this student or team?

The entrant may upload a PDF of this letter on the application site. Please see the sample advisor/professional reference letter for guidance.