



First Star ASU Academy Student Recommendation

We are delighted to invite you to recommend a talented youth in foster care to participate in the First Star Arizona State University Academy.

To the recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to provide your confidential insight and thoughts regarding this First Star – Arizona State University Academy applicant. The Academy is a free, comprehensive four-year college access program designed to provide youth in foster care with the academic support, encouragement and enrichment needed to assist them in their college readiness journey.

The program engages a cohort of high school students in a variety of fun and active learning opportunities that include rigorous academic courses for college credit, social and cultural activities, field trips, service learning and recreational activities. In addition to a summer immersion program, students and their supportive adults will receive individualized support during the academic year at monthly Saturday Academies, education advocacy, and caregiver workshops.

To recommend a student, please follow these steps:

1. Ensure your student meets the following eligibility requirements:
 - a. Current dependency open case with the Arizona Department of Child Safety or Tribal Agency;
 - b. Able to participate in the three-week residential component at the university, and monthly Saturday sessions;
 - c. Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA and good attendance in current and previous school year; and
 - d. Demonstrates maturity and potential to thrive in a college-prep setting.
2. Ask your student to complete the background form and student responses of the application.
3. Complete the Adult Recommendation portion of the application.
4. Submit student's most recent transcript, attendance record, and discipline log from current school.
5. Submit your recommendation online at asu.edu/firststar.

If you have any questions, email **Paloma Delgado** at firststar@asu.edu.

Your insight will help us ensure the program is the right fit for your student. Once all applications are received, students selected for the program will be contacted for an interview before final selections are made.

First Star ASU Academy Recommendation Form

This section should be completed in confidence by any adult involved in the student's life, such as a teacher, counselor, social worker, mentor, pastor or attorney.

Recommender's information

Name:	Phone:
School or organization: Title:	E-mail:
Relationship to student:	How long have you known the student?
Student's name:	Student's date of birth: / /
Student's phone number:	

Recommendation form

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	Do not recommend	Recommend with reservations	Enthusiastically recommend
Academic potential			
Character and maturity			
Ability to work with others			
Overall recommendation			

Please answer the following questions (attach extra pages if necessary):

Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for the First Star – Arizona State University Academy?
 What has this student demonstrated to you that show he/she will benefit from this opportunity?

Signature

I recommend this student for the First Star – Arizona State University Academy.

 Recommender's Signature

 Date

First Star ASU Academy Student Application

Contact information

Student name:	Current school and grade level:
Caregiver name:	Student phone: Student email:
Address: City:	Apartment: State: Zip:

Background information

Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Date of birth: / /
Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> African-American/Black <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/a <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Social worker:	Phone: Email:
Attorney:	Phone: Email:
Placement: <input type="checkbox"/> Relative foster home <input type="checkbox"/> Non-relative foster home <input type="checkbox"/> Group home <input type="checkbox"/> Legal guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Adoptive parents <input type="checkbox"/> Reunited with parent(s)	

Education information

Middle school: District:	High school: District:
Middle school GPA:	High school GPA:
Attendance rate:	Number of suspensions and expulsions in the previous two school years:
Are you receiving special education services: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure If yes, please submit most recent Individualized Education Plan.	

Extracurricular activities

Club, Employer or Organization	Years participated	Required summer participation

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Essay response 1

Imagine you are turning 100. You have accomplished everything you wanted in life and your friends and family want to throw you a birthday party. As a tribute to you on this special day, several of your admirers want to say a few words about your accomplishments. What is it that they are going to say in celebration of you?

Essay response 2

Share the biggest challenge you will face trying to get into college and provide one suggestion on how you might overcome that challenge.

Signature

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Student's Signature

Date