

## **Recommendation Letter Cheat Sheet**

Many high-value scholarships require students to submit **letters of recommendation** from their teachers in order to apply. Educators can use this guide to write successful recommendation letters.

## Learn

When a student requests you to write them a letter of recommendation, ask them what scholarship they are applying to and how their achievements and traits relate to the award.

Collecting this information will help you outline your letter and save you time when you start writing.

## Write

Begin writing the letter of recommendation as **early** as possible to ensure it is ready to submit by the deadline. Aim to write a solid **1-2 pages** about your experience teaching the student and why you think they are a good fit for the award. Be **positive**, **honest**, and **detailed** in the letter; **proofread** it with care.

## Submit

Once your letter is complete, follow the scholarship provider's instructions to **submit** it. Educators are usually required to submit their letters **separately** from the student's application through an online portal. Upload the letter **well in advance** of the deadline and check for a **confirmation email** to ensure it has been received.