The attached recommendation form is required if you are applying to enroll in honors courses at Reading Area Community College.

Fill in the “applicant” section of the form and sign the confidentiality waiver. Then give the form and a stamped envelope to a teacher with whom you have taken a course, preferably someone who knows you well.

You have been selected as a reference by the above named student, who is interested in participating in the honors program at Reading Area Community College.

This program has been developed to provide academically talented, intellectually curious students with an enriched educational experience. It is open to students who seek an enriched college program, who meet the academic criteria, and who come highly recommended by teachers.

Return the completed form to:
Dr. Donna Singleton
Honors Program Coordinator
Reading Area Community College
10 South Second Street
P.O. Box 1706
Reading, Pennsylvania 19603-1706

If you have any questions, telephone Dr. Singleton at the College at (610) 372-4721 or 1-800-626-1665, extension 5096.

Thank you for helping us select program participants.
APPLICANT

Student Name ________________________________________________________________

ID# _____________________________ Telephone (   ) _____________________________

Street Address ___________________________________________________________________

City _____________________________ State ____________ ZIP ____________

Current School ____________________________

I waive / do not waive (circle one) my right to review this completed reference.

Student Signature _____________________________ Date ________________

TEACHER REFERENCE

The goal of the Honors Committee is to select highly motivated and academically
talented students to participate in the Reading Area Community College Honors
Program. Your candid estimate of the applicant’s academic performance and
intellectual promise will help the Committee in making its final selection. ONLY IF THE
STUDENT HAS SIGNED THE WAIVER ABOVE CAN YOUR REFERENCE BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL.

1. How long have you known this student? ____________________________

2. In what course(s) have you taught this student? ____________________________

3. How long have you been teaching? ____________________________
4. Please rank the student according to the criteria identified below:

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I do / do not (circle one) recommend the student named on this application for participation in the honors program.

Name ___________________________ Signature ___________________________

School ___________________________ Date ___________________________

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS (OPTIONAL):
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** To qualify for honors courses, a student needs one of the following academic qualifications:

- a 3.25 cumulative GPA—exclusive of developmental courses—with a minimum of 8 credits in college-level courses; graduation in the top 10% of high school class; a combined SAT score of 1100 or higher; successful completion (B average or higher) of accelerated high school courses (e.g., AP, honors, dual enrollment); appropriate scores on RACC placement exams; or special talent or ability in the area of a particular honors course (admission will be for a single course).