

Dear Teacher or Adult Leader:

 Name of Student

The above named student has applied to participate in the University of Wisconsin-Richland Precollege Program. This program is designed to build academic competence and confidence for students who would be of the first in their family's generations to graduate from college. Our primary summer program provides students with an intensive five-day academic and campus experience. Students join the program at the end of their sixth grade year and continue through their tenth grade year. Students who successfully complete the program, may apply to take part of the Precollege Teen Mentor Program, their Jr. and Sr. years, and receive a stipend and valuable leadership experience. Through this program, we hope to increase the student's likelihood that she or he will apply and be accepted into a college program. Our program includes students from Southwestern Wisconsin school districts and students from our Milwaukee partner school. A unique feature of the program is the process of integration across different cultures and the diversity education that is part of this process.

As part of the student's application, we ask they submit a recommendation from one teacher or other adult leader in their life. Please fill out the recommendation form below. **To ensure this student's consideration please return the completed form, before April 15, 2009.** Return the form to Diane Treis Rusk, UW-Richland, 1200 Hwy 14 W, Richland Center, WI 53581.

Student name: _____ **Current Grade:** _____

Adult teacher/ leader name: _____ **E-mail:** _____

How do you know this student? _____

How would you rate this student in the following areas:	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
1) This student is eager and motivated to learn new things.	4	3	2	1
2) This student is interested in higher education as a life option	4	3	2	1
3) This student's grades reflect her/his academic potential	4	3	2	1
4) This student able to self-regulate her/his behavior	4	3	2	1

What do you perceive to be this student's greatest barriers to success academically, including attending college?

In the list of adjectives listed below, please circle any word you would use to describe this student:

- curious friendly outgoing personable show-offish hands-on-learner caring self-centered eager unmotivated
 team-worker listener traditional-learner distractible compassionate loud trustworthy multi-talented worldly
 calm fidgety cooperative leader reflective risk-taker follower

Other adjectives: _____

Do you think this student is capable of empathizing with a student from another culture?

Yes No Comments _____

What do you perceive to be this student's academic strengths? _____

What precollege summer instructional topics may benefit this student's academic development the most?

Please feel free to include any additional comments on a separate attachment or on the back of this form.

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

We welcome your 6th or 7th grade child's application to the UW-Richland Precollege Program. Our precollege program is run in partnership with the Milwaukee Renaissance Academy in Milwaukee, the Richland County Extension 4-H Youth Program, and a variety of southwestern Wisconsin school districts. Each year we admit a limited number of new students into our program. Students may remain in the program through high school. Funding for this program is provided by the University of Wisconsin System and the University of Wisconsin Colleges. There is no charge to families for the program, we only ask for the family's commitment to support their student's participation in program events.

The UW-Richland Precollege Summer Experience will be held: **Monday, July 6, 2009, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will run through Friday, July 10, 2009, ending at 4:00 p.m.**

You may download a brochure that will give you more information about the UW-Richland Precollege Program at www.richland.uwc.edu/ce/summer.asp. I hope you and your child will consider joining us. If you are interested in our program, you and your child should complete the attached application and follow the directions on the application. We will notify you of your child's status in our program by April 15, 2009. We will notify your student of their application status by May 15, 2009.

If you have additional questions about our program, please feel free to contact me at (608)647-6186 ext. 249, or contact Phil Denis, Outreach Coordinator at (608)235-1654.

With kind regards,



Diane Treis Rusk, M.S.
Director, Office of Continuing Education and Precollege

