



LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
LA-STEM RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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**This file contains required application forms:**

**3 Recommendation Forms (2 pages each)**

**Informed Consent Form**

**Transcript Request Form**

**Assent Form**

**Mail to: LA-STEM Research Scholars Program  
Office of Strategic Initiatives/LSU  
240 Thomas Boyd Hall  
Baton Rouge, LA 70803**

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT:

Give this form to individuals who can attest to your academic excellence, extraordinary potential for academic success in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) undergraduate program, and promise for success in a STEM graduate program. At least two recommendations should be academic.

This form should be completed by the recommender and attached to a separate Letter of Recommendation printed on official letterhead.

APPLICANT: PRINT YOUR LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, AND MIDDLE INITIAL BELOW

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation. Should you decide not to waive the right, you will have access to the recommendation if you enroll in the LSU LA-STEM Research Scholars Program. Please check the appropriate box and sign below. Failing to check the appropriate box will automatically waive your access to view this recommendation.

I hereby waive my right of access to this reference.

I hereby do not waive my right of access to this reference.

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HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS APPLICANT? \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT YOUR NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
POSITION OR TITLE

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RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT

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DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER

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**INFORMED CONSENT  
FOR PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

- I. **What is the purpose of this project?** The purpose of this research is to examine those factors, which contribute to the success of high ability students in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics areas, and in the LA-STEM Research Scholars Program in particular. You have been asked to participate because you are applying to the Louisiana State University (LA-STEM) Research Scholars Program. Even if you choose not to attend LSU, we are interested in following your success in the science, math, engineering, and technology areas. Your participation is expected to last until you have completed your undergraduate and, if applicable, graduate education.
- II. **What will I have to do?** You will be asked to sign a form allowing release of undergraduate and future graduate transcripts. You may be asked to participate in interviews and/or to complete questionnaires about your program experiences.
- III. **Who will know what I say?** All information gathered will be held in strict confidence. Any information learned from a study by which you might be identified will be confidential and disclosed only with your permission. By signing this form, you allow the research study investigator to make your records available to the Louisiana State University (LSU) Institutional Review Board (IRB) Office and regulatory agencies as required by law.
- IV. **How will I benefit from participation in this project?** Participation in this research may not benefit you directly. Potential benefits to others may result from the knowledge gained from your participation in this study.
- V. **Is there anything I need to be concerned about?** The researchers do not foresee any risks. In order to protect your confidentiality, academic transcripts, questionnaires, and interview tapes will be kept in a locked office. Any identifying information will be changed if any information learned from this study is included in a spoken, written, or published report.
- VI. **What are my rights?** Your participation in this study is voluntary. You are free to withdraw your consent for participation in this study at any time.
- VII. **Whom do I contact if I have questions or concerns?** The principal investigator, Dr. Isiah M. Warner, is responsible for this research study. If you have any further questions, or in the event of a research related injury, you can contact the Office of Strategic Initiatives at (225) 578-4806.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the LSU Institutional Review Board (IRB). A representative from that board is available to discuss and review your rights as a research participant. The telephone number for the IRB office is (225) 578-8692.

- VIII. **Signature for Consent:** I have read the description and information above, had any questions answered, and agree to be a participant in this study.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

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DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT APPLICANT'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
FOR OFFICE USE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE



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**TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM**

(TO THE STUDENT: This form allows for the release of your undergraduate and graduate transcripts. Please sign below and return to the Office of Strategic Initiatives.)

**TO THE REGISTRAR:**

Please send a copy of my university transcript to:

Dr. Isiah M. Warner, Vice Chancellor  
Office of Strategic Initiatives  
LA-STEM Research Scholars Program  
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As I have been informed, this transcript will be used only as part of the Office of Strategic Initiatives funded research of the LA-STEM Research Scholars Program. Individual students will not be identified in reported findings; only group information will be reported. Each semester, the LA-STEM Research Scholars Program will provide a copy of this form to the registrar's office.

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SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE STUDENT'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
LSU ID:



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ASSENT FORM

TO THE STUDENT: This form should be signed and witnessed if you are currently under the age of 18.

I, (print your name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to be in a study to determine those factors which contribute to the success of high ability students in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines.

I will have to complete an undergraduate thesis associated with my research, complete learning style inventories, questionnaires about my program experiences, participate in special activities, and register for required courses.

I can decide to stop being in the study at any time, and it will not affect my ability to remain at Louisiana State University.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF STUDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
AGE

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\*WITNESS (PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\*Witness must be present for the assent process.