Dear Reference:

The student giving you this form is applying for participation in the Upward Bound Math Science program at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio. Before you complete the back of this reference form you may find the following program information helpful.

BACKGROUND ON THE PROGRAM

The Upward Bound Math Science program, UBMS, is a joint project of Shawnee State University (SSU) and the U.S. Department of Education. UBMS at SSU is one of one hundred twenty-four similar math and science programs in the nation. The UBMS program serves the following Ohio and Kentucky high schools: Piketon, Dawson-Bryant, Rock Hill, West Union, Ironton, Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington, Western, and Greenup County. The purpose of the program is two-fold: 1) to increase high school students’ skills in math and science, and 2) to encourage them to prepare for professional careers in math and science.

PROGRAM FORMAT

The Shawnee State University UBMS program is an academic year and 6-week summer residential component for high school students. During the summer program, students live in university housing, eat in the cafeteria, attend classes in the morning taught by college professors, and participate in afternoon enrichment activities. During the evening students attend workshops designed to help with study skills, ACT, career planning and personal development. All students will have the opportunity to attend a weeklong trip during the 6th week of the summer component. In the past these trips have included places such as Orlando, Chicago, Washington DC, Seattle, San Francisco, Yosemite, Mt. St. Helens, and the Grand Canyon. The UBMS program also includes monthly Saturday workshops during the school year, weekend field trips to colleges, businesses and industries, and various cultural events. There are no costs to students who are selected to participate in the UBMS program. UBMS is federally funded by a grant through the U.S. Department of Education.

UBMS PARTICIPANTS

Participation in the UBMS program is restricted to current high school freshmen and sophomores who meet federal and program eligibility criteria. Eligible students should be motivated to follow a rigorous academic program for 5 weeks in the summer and have the maturity, independence, and willingness to live away from home for 5 weeks in the summer. Applicants will be chosen to participate in UBMS by the program director and staff. The UBMS staff members are anxious to select for participation, students whose opportunities for academic enrichment are limited and who have the potential to benefit substantially from the educational and residential program offered by UBMS.

If you have any questions in regards to the UBMS program or this reference sheet, you can contact us toll free at 1-877-SSU-UBMS.
REFERENCE, please also complete this information:

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Please answer the following questions. Attach another sheet if necessary.

1. Describe your relationship to the student. Mention how long you have known the student, how well you know the student, and in what capacity you know the student.

2. Comment on the academic abilities of the student such as intelligence, curiosity, analytical ability, organization, oral and written communication skills, and general classroom behavior, attendance and work habits.

3. Comment on the personal and social characteristics of the student such as maturity, judgment, self-discipline, tact, resourcefulness, independence, sensitivity, etc.

4. Comment on how you think the student would fit into the UBMS program and benefit from the experience.

5. Students chosen to participate in the UBMS program must demonstrate academic need in two of the following areas. Please indicate with a 1 the primary academic need of the applicant and with a 2 the secondary academic need of the applicant.

   - Low GPA
   - Low GPA/Aspirations
   - Lack of opportunity/Support/Guidance
   - Lack of confidence/Self Esteem/Social Skills
   - Interest in Careers in Math or Science
   - Low Achievement Test Scores
   - Low GPA/Achievement Scores
   - Lack of Career Goals/Need for Career Information
   - Predominately Low Income Community
   - Low Educational Aspirations
   - Low Achievement Scores/Aspirations
   - Limited proficiency in English
   - Rural Isolation
   - Other (Please provide a specific description and relate to academic need.)

6. Comment on any reservations you might have in recommending this student for the UBMS program.

7. Please provide any additional comments that you feel will assist the UBMS staff in selecting the applicant for participation. (attach more pages if needed)

Signature____________________________________Subject______________________Date____________________