



## Challenge to Excellence Academic Camp Teacher/Counselor Reference Form

*Providing an enriching summer academic experience for 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> graders since 1984*

Academically talented and committed students are invited to attend our 37<sup>th</sup> annual Challenge to Excellence summer camp. The program focuses on experiences designed to promote higher level thinking skills, problem solving, and creativity through a variety of academic activities. Campers live in an SIU residence hall, attend classes designed just for them, meet SIU faculty and learn about their research, investigate campus opportunities, and participate in recreational activities. We are looking for well-behaved, dedicated students who have a desire to learn and make new friends.

For more information, visit [conferenceservices.siu.edu](http://conferenceservices.siu.edu) and choose **Camps and Youth Programs**, then scroll down to **Academic Programs**.

1. Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Student's School \_\_\_\_\_

3. Student's grade level during current (2019-2020) school year \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please describe this student's attitude and level of dedication to learning. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Please describe this student's classroom/school behavior. Do you expect that this student would be a cooperative camper? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Feel free to attach a page with additional comments if needed.)

7. Printed Name and Job Title of Reference \_\_\_\_\_

8. Signature of Reference \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this reference form to Dr. Stacy Thompson attached to an email to [stacyt@siu.edu](mailto:stacyt@siu.edu)

Challenge to Excellence Camp – Be yourself. Learn. Have fun.