

# BARD HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE

A Bard College–New York City Department of Education Partnership



## Academic Reference

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### To the Applicant:

Complete this section only and give this form to a teacher of an academic class you have taken recently.

Student's Name

Last

First

Middle

Student's Address

Street

Borough

Zip

Current School

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### To the Instructor:

The student named above is applying for admission to the Bard High School Early College. A forthright evaluation is extremely helpful in choosing from among highly qualified candidates. Thank you for your assistance. Return this completed form in a sealed and signed envelope to the student.

### Program Description

In June 2001, the New York City Department of Education and Bard College jointly created the Bard High School Early College (BHSEC). This unique school is founded on the belief that many young people are ready and eager to do serious college work at age 16. It enables highly motivated students to move in four years from the ninth grade through the first two years of college, earning the associate of arts (A.A.) degree. Students from many different backgrounds who have a strong record of excellence and diverse interests will benefit from BHSEC seminar classes that emphasize both discussion and writing as tools for gaining understanding. Using primary source materials and experimental data for research, students will become equipped with the analytical skills needed to pursue their intellectual and artistic passions.

How long have you known the applicant?

Please list the courses you have taught this applicant:

Please assess this applicant's love of learning, capacity for independent work, and contribution to class discussion.

