THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM
2007-2008 ADMISSIONS YEAR

Dear Teacher/Educator:

_____ [name of applicant] is eligible for consideration in the selection process for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST). TJHSST is a unique Fairfax County public school that offers a rigorous college preparatory program for selected students interested in an intensive, challenging high school program in mathematics, science, and technology. A Virginia Regional Governor's School, TJHSST is open to Fairfax County students and to students in participating school divisions (currently Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William counties and Falls Church City).

TJHSST students are highly motivated young women and men who have demonstrated, over an extended period of time, academic responsibility and an **aptitude and genuine interest in the biological, physical, mathematical, technological, and computer sciences and related fields**. TJHSST students are creative problem solvers and abstract thinkers, not rote learners. They embrace the unique environment provided to them at this specialized high school and draw from it, sharing what they learn with their peers.

TJHSST, therefore, is looking for students with diverse backgrounds, talents, and skills, who demonstrate:

- High ability, aptitude, and interest in math, science, and technology.
- Intellectual curiosity and self-motivation to pursue scientific research.
- A desire to be challenged with an extensive curriculum focused in math, science, and technology.
- The highest academic and personal integrity.
- An aspiration to become a member of a community of learners, explorers, mentors, and leaders.
- The capability to become citizens and leaders of the 21st century.

For more information about TJHSST, please see: www.TJHSST.edu

Please complete all of the sections of the teacher recommendation form (over), providing your best assessment of this student based solely on your evaluation of the student in your classroom and/or in an activity you oversee. Please provide detailed comments and examples of your observations of the applicant. Such comments are vital for student selection. Additional *Guidelines for Writing Teacher Recommendations* are available through the TJHSST liaison counselor at your school or by following the instructions on the admissions website at www.TJAdmissions.org.

Instructions for Completing the Teacher Recommendation Form

- You must use this form for your recommendation. We may not submit personal letters or any other type of form.
- This form may be completed electronically at: www.TJAdmissions.org. If you complete the form online, you will need to print out your completed form, sign it, and submit it. Electronic completion is strongly encouraged.
- You also may hand write your entries or type them into a word processing file and cut and paste your printed text onto the form.
- **All comments regarding the applicant must be written only in the boxes provided.**

  DO NOT provide any attachments. They will not be considered.
- Sign and return the form to the TJHSST liaison counselor at your school. If your school does not have a liaison counselor, mail the form to: TJHSST Admissions Office, Holmes Annex, 6525 Montrose Street, Alexandria, VA 22312.
- Keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

If you have any questions, please contact the TJHSST liaison counselor at your school or call the admissions office at 703-658-5823. Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of the applicant.

-TJHSST Admissions Office