

Characteristics that Count

When writing letters of recommendations for summer programs, internships, volunteer opportunities, and college applications, teachers and counselors are often asked to rate you on the following qualities:

	Below Average	Average	Good (above average)	Very Good (well above average)	Excellent (top 10%)	Outstanding (top 5%)	One of the top (top 1%)
Academic Achievement							
Intellectual Promise							
Quality of Writing							
Creative Thought							
Productive Discussion							
Faculty Respect							
Disciplined Habits							
Maturity							
Motivation							
Leadership							
Integrity							
Reaction to Setbacks							
Concern for Others							
Self-Confidence							
Initiative							
OVERALL							