**University of Kentucky**

**Engineering Smart Start Program**

**Math Teacher’s Recommendation Form**

Student’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Math course/subject \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please use the scale below to rank this student’s academic performance in your class.

5 = Exceptional 4 = Good 3 = Average 2 = Poor 1 = N/A

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| **Academic Performance** | **Rating** |
| Preparation for class |  |
| Daily attendance |  |
| Grasp of subject matter |  |
| Level of participation in class |  |
| Ability to work in a group |  |
| Submission of all assignments |  |
| Quality of completed assignments |  |
| Interest shown in subject matter |  |
| Willingness to ask for help |  |
| Level of self-motivation |  |
| **Overall quality of student’s work** |  |
| **Overall impression of student’s attitude** |  |
| **Current Grade:** |  |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Instructor: Please sign form on page 2.

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Instructor Name (please print) Instructor Signature

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Instructor Email

Instructor: Please return this form via email to Susan Herrick, Director of Student Success, at slherr1@uky.edu.

Questions? Please contact Ms. Herrick at (859) 257-4811 or slherr1@uky.edu.

**Note To Math Instructors: About Engineering Smart Start**

Engineering Smart Start is a 4-week summer residential summer program for students who have been admitted to the University of Kentucky’s College of Engineering. The program is designed to help incoming engineering freshmen become calculus-ready before they begin their first college semester. It is based on intensive work in individually tailored online ALEKS PPL (math preparation and learning) modules under the guidance of an academic coach. Students who become calculus-ready through this program can begin their engineering program in a calculus course and will also be awarded a small scholarship.

Other components of Smart Start include instruction on goal setting, study strategies, time management, organizational skills, and other college success strategies. Students will also receive instruction in spatial visualization of objects in 3-D, collaborate on service-learning and design projects, learn about engineering career opportunities, and develop a solid peer and resource network before they begin their freshman year at UK.

Your evaluation of your student’s performance in their current high school math course will be used to help gauge applicants’ readiness for the program. We thank you for your assistance and honest feedback.