

RISD PRE-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION GUIDELINES

Thank you for providing a reference for this student. Entry to our program is highly competitive, and references help us admit the students who are the best fit for the program.

RISD Pre-College is an intensive, on-campus college-level program. During their time with us, our students are adjusting to life at college while participating in a rigorous studio-focused program. They meet and interact with a diverse group of students and instructors from all over the country and world, and many have a roommate for the first time. There is about 40 hours of work per week with multiple deadlines each week and their work will be critiqued extensively. To succeed requires time manage-ment and resilience.

Our scholarship review committee would like to understand whether our scholarship applicants are prepared to succeed in this environment. Please address each of the following questions directly in your recommendation.

Applicants will upload their letter of recommendation with their scholarship application. If you prefer to email the completed letter directly to the Pre-College office, you can send it to precollege@risd.edu.

- 1. What is your relationship to the applicant? (short answer)
- 2. How long have you known the applicant? (short answer)
- 3. Tell us about your knowledge of the applicant's interest in the visual arts. (1-5 sentences)
- 4. Describe the applicant's ability to adjust to new settings, manage multiple priorities, and persevere in a challenging academic or work environment. (1-5 sentences)
- 5. What else would you like us to know about the applicant? If there is something unique about them, tell us about that special quality. We are particularly interested in hearing how a student might contribute to a diverse student body. (1-5 sentences)