

SpeakFirst Recommendation Form

Instructions for Recommenders: Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation! SpeakFirst provides Birmingham city middle and high school students with the opportunity to engage in co-curricular competitive debate. Your recommendation will be used as part of a holistic application and interview process. Students from any high school in the Birmingham City School District are eligible to apply.

Once you have completed your recommendation, please submit your completed form to SpeakFirst Director Dr. Carrie Crenshaw at speakfirst@impactamerica.com or mail your completed form to:

Dr. Carrie Crenshaw
Director, SpeakFirst Debate Initiative, Impact America
1901 6th Avenue N, Suite 2500
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

This recommendation is written on behalf of student _____

Recommender Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Recommender Cell Phone Number:(_____) _____

Recommender Email Address: _____

Date: _____

Please take a moment to reflect upon this student’s academic skills. Please evaluate this student based on what you have observed to be an average 8th grader’s abilities.

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Not Observed
Oral Communication Skills					
Written Communication Skills					
Reading Comprehension Skills					
Critical Thinking Skills					
Listening Skills					

Please answer the following questions:

Tell us about a time when this student was given a task that was challenging for them. How did they work to overcome this challenge?

How does this student respond to advice or criticism?

Please provide any additional comments that you believe will help us understand the character of this student.