

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Girls Inc. of Metro Denver (GIMD) would like to invite your teen to apply for the **Eureka! Program** to grow and nurture their interest in science, technology, engineering & mathematics (STEM). The program is designed to enhance their excitement about STEM subjects and increase access to meaningful STEM experiences through fun, hands-on, and authentic learning opportunities. For the 2023-2024 program year, we are recruiting 30 current 7th graders to join the nearly 100 other "Eurekans" in the program.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

*Eureka!* is a five-year, year-round comprehensive program with summer and school-year experiences provided at a low cost to families (annual program fees are on a sliding scale from \$0-\$300). Eurekans start the program in the summer before 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are supported through high school graduation. In their first two summers, Eurekans explore STEM concepts, personal development, and physical growth in a 4-week summer camp. During the school year, they attend monthly activities focused on building their knowledge in STEM subjects and careers while also building their confidence. In their third and fourth summers, Eurekans are placed in paid STEM-focused internships that provide real-world career experiences. In the fifth summer, Eurekans get to select from different STEM leadership pathways and travel to various colleges and universities in the region to learn about their STEM academics. In addition, *Eureka!* provides support for your teen to apply to institutions of higher education and find scholarships available to them.

Program Structure

Year	Summer (June – August)	School Year (September – May)
1	4-Week STEM Camp at MSU Denver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly required STEM enrichment classes every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday</li> <li>• STEM-based field trips and other programming (optional)</li> <li>• College preparation &amp; career readiness classes</li> <li>• Leadership opportunities</li> </ul>
2	4-Week STEM Camp at MSU Denver	
3	4-Week STEM Job Externship	
4	4-Week STEM Job Externship	
5	STEM Leadership Pathways – Education, Research, or Self-Directed Community Project; College Trip	

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

To apply, interested youth and a parent/guardian must submit a completed application, which includes a commitment agreement for the 5-year program, and at least one, and no more than two, recommendation from teachers, coaches, and/or other adults in the youth’s life that is not a relative. Applicants and a parent/guardian will then participate in an interview together that will be conducted online.

The **ideal** applicant for the *Eureka!* program is someone who:

- can commit to a 5-year, summer and school-year experience;
- has an interest and motivation to explore science, technology, engineering, and math fields;
- is currently in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and attends school within Denver Public Schools (applicants outside of DPS will still be considered, but greater preference will be given for those within DPS);
- can get to GIMD (1499 Julian St., Denver, CO 80204) (*school-year*) or MSU Denver on the Auraria Campus (*summer*) for programming;
- can attend the 2023 Summer *STEM Camp* (June 12 – July 7, 2023, 8:30am – 5:00pm M-F);
- can attend monthly *STEM Saturday* enrichment programs (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month, Sep – May);
- will benefit from building stronger relationships with peers and enjoy in-depth learning experiences;
- can maintain at least a 2.0 GPA once in the program (there is no grade or GPA requirement to join the program).

The **Eureka!** Program strongly encourages applications from youth for whom this experience would be the critical difference in propelling them on a path towards higher education and careers in STEM. This includes, but is not limited to, Black, Indigenous, Latin, and other races and ethnicities historically under-represented in STEM fields; youth from low-income families; LGBTQ+ youth; and first-generation college students.

GIMD is committed to providing the comprehensive Girls Inc. experience to young people who feel safe in a pro-girl and girl-centered environment. GIMD programming is intended for youth whose genders and gender identities have been historically marginalized. This includes those who identify as girls (regardless of their assigned sex at birth), non-binary youth, gender non-conforming youth, and/or youth exploring their gender identity or expression.

**IMPORTANT APPLICATION DATES**

Review of Applications Begins	Monday, February 27, 2023
Interviews Begin	Week of March 13, 2023 (weekday evenings, ongoing)
Final Application Deadline	Friday, March 24, 2023
Latest Selection Notification	Friday, April 28, 2023
Summer 2022 Orientation	Week of May 15, 2023 (Dates/Times TBD)
STEM Camp at MSU Denver	June 12 – July 7, 2023 (M-F, 8:30a-5:00p)
Eurekathon (Family Celebration)	Friday, July 7 in the morning

**ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW**

The mission of Girls Inc. of Metro Denver (GIMD) is to inspire all girls to be **Strong, Smart and Bold**. The vision of GIMD is a world in which every girl values her whole self, discovers her inner strengths, and achieves her goals. GIMD is an affiliate of the national Girls Inc. network. We serve girls ages 6-20 in the Denver-Metro area. Our research-based programming is delivered by trained professionals who focus on the development of the whole girl, supporting, mentoring, and guiding girls in an affirming, pro-girl environment.

GIMD prioritizes inclusiveness and anti-oppression practices. It allows us to address the root causes of social issues that affect the girls. We work to elevate the voices and experiences of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. Through participant-led discussions, thoughtful curriculum, and hands-on learning, our goal is to emphasize the power diverse voices hold and highlight the value of lived experiences.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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Estimado Padre/Guardián(a),

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Girls Inc. de Metro Denver (GIMD) quiere invitar a su adolescente a solicitar lugar en el Programa Eureka! cual crece y nutre su interés en ciencia, tecnología, ingeniería y matemáticas (STEM). El programa está diseñado para alentar su entusiasmo por temas STEM y aumentar el acceso a experiencias STEM significativas a través de oportunidades de aprendizaje divertidas, prácticas y autenticidad. Para el año del programa 2023-2024, estamos reclutando a 30 estudiantes actualmente en su séptimo año escolar para que se unan a les casi 100 "Eurekans" ya en el programa.

**RESEÑA DEL PROGRAMA**

*Eureka! es un programa integral que dura cinco años, durante el año completo, con experiencias durante el verano y el año escolar, proveídas a bajo costo para las familias (las tarifas anuales del programa están en una escala móvil de \$0 a \$300). Les Eurekans comienzan el programa en el verano antes del 8° grado y reciben apoyo hasta su graduación de la preparatoria. En sus primeros dos veranos, les Eurekans exploran conceptos STEM, desarrollo personal y crecimiento físico en un campamento de verano de 4 semanas. Durante el año escolar, asistirán a actividades mensuales enfocadas en desarrollar su conocimiento en materias y carreras STEM al mismo tiempo que desarrollan su confianza. En su tercer y cuarto verano, les Eurekans se colocan en pasantías pagadas centradas en STEM que brindan experiencias profesionales del mundo real. En el quinto verano, les Eurekans pueden seleccionar entre diferentes vías de liderazgo STEM y viajar a varios colegios y universidades de la región para aprender sobre sus académicos STEM. Además, Eureka! brindará apoyo para ayudar a su adolescente a postularse a instituciones de educación superior y acceder a becas disponibles para ellos.*

**Estructura del Programa**

Año	Verano (junio – agosto)	Año Escolar (septiembre – mayo)
1	Campamento STEM de 4 semanas en MSU Denver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clases de enriquecimiento STEM requeridas mensualmente cada segundo sábado</li> <li>• Excursiones basadas en STEM y otra programación (opcional)</li> <li>• Clases de preparación universitaria y carreras profesionales</li> <li>• Oportunidades de liderazgo</li> </ul>
2	Campamento STEM de 4 semanas en MSU Denver	
3	Pasantía STEM de 4 semanas	
4	Pasantía STEM de 4 semanas	
5	Vías de liderazgo STEM: educación, investigación o proyecto comunitario auto dirigido; Viaje para visitar colegios	

**REQUISITOS DE APLICACION**

*Para aplicar, cada solicitante tiene que entregar una solicitud completa, que incluye un acuerdo de compromiso para el programa de 5 años. También, al menos una y no más de dos recomendaciones de maestros, entrenadores y/u otros adultos en la vida del adolescente que no sean miembros de su familia. Les solicitantes y un padre/guardián luego participarán juntos en una entrevista que se llevará a cabo en línea.*

Le candidate ideal para el Programa Eureka! es alguien quien:

- puede comprometerse a una experiencia de 5 años, de verano y de año escolar;
- tiene interés y motivación para explorar los campos de la ciencia, la tecnología, la ingeniería y las matemáticas;
- está actualmente en 7.º grado y asiste a una escuela dentro de las Escuelas Públicas de Denver (aún se considerarán los solicitantes fuera de DPS, pero se dará mayor preferencia a aquellos dentro de DPS);
- puede llegar a GIMD (1499 Julian St., Denver, CO 80204) (año escolar) oa MSU Denver en el campus de Auraria (verano) para la programación;

- puede asistir al campamento STEM de verano de 2023 (del 12 de junio al 7 de julio de 2023, de 8:30 a. m. a 5:00 p. m., de lunes a viernes);
- puede asistir a los programas mensuales de enriquecimiento de los sábados de STEM (los segundos sábados del mes, de septiembre a mayo);
- se beneficiará de la construcción de relaciones más sólidas con sus compañeras y disfrutará de experiencias de aprendizaje en profundidad;
- puede mantener al menos un GPA de 2.0 cuando estará en el programa (no hay requisito de grado o GPA para unirse al programa).

El Programa Eureka! alienta encarecidamente las solicitudes de jóvenes para quienes esta experiencia sería la diferencia fundamental para impulsarlos en un camino hacia la educación superior y carreras en STEM. Esto incluye, entre otros, Negros, Indígenas, Latines y otras razas y etnias históricamente subrepresentadas en los campos de STEM; jóvenes de familias de bajos ingresos; jóvenes LGBTQ+; y estudiantes universitarios de primera generación.

GIMD se compromete a brindar la experiencia integral de Girls Inc. a les jóvenes que se sienten seguros en un entorno a favor de las niñas y centrado en las niñas. La programación de GIMD está destinada a jóvenes cuyos géneros e identidades de género han sido históricamente marginados. Esto incluye a aquellos que se identifican como niñas (independientemente de su sexo asignado al nacer), jóvenes no binarios, jóvenes de género no conforme y/o jóvenes que exploran su identidad o expresión de género.

#### **FECHAS IMPORTANTES DE SOLICITUD**

Comienza la revisión de solicitudes	Lunes, 27 de febrero de 2023
Comienzan las entrevistas	Semana de 13 de marzo de 2023 (noches de lunes a jueves, en curso)
Plazo de solicitud final	Viernes, 24 de marzo de 2023
Última notificación de selección	Viernes, 28 de abril de 2023
Orientación de verano de 2022	Semana del 15 de mayo de 2023 (Fechas/Hora por definir)
Campamento STEM en MSU Denver	12 de junio – 7 de julio de 2023 (Lu-Vi, 8:30a-5:00p)
Eurekathon (Celebración Familiar)	Viernes, el 7 de julio por la tarde (tentativa)

#### **DESCRIPCIÓN GENERAL DE LA ORGANIZACIÓN**

La misión de Girls Inc. de Metro Denver (GIMD) es inspirar a las niñas a ser **Seguras, Inteligentes y Decididas**. La visión de GIMD es un mundo en el que cada niña se valore por completo, descubra sus fortalezas internas y logre sus objetivos. GIMD es una filial de la red nacional Girls Inc. Atendemos a niñas de 6 a 20 años en el área metropolitana de Denver. Nuestra programación basada en la investigación es impartida por profesionales capacitados que se enfocan en el desarrollo de la niña en su totalidad, apoyando, asesorando y guiando a las niñas en un entorno afirmativo y favorable a las niñas.

GIMD prioriza la inclusión y las prácticas contra la opresión. Nos permite abordar las causas profundas de los problemas sociales que afectan a las niñas. Trabajamos para elevar las voces y experiencias de los Negros, Indígenas y Personas de Color. A través de discusiones dirigidas por los participantes, un plan de estudios reflexivo y aprendizaje práctico, nuestro objetivo es enfatizar el poder que tienen las diversas voces y resaltar el valor de las experiencias vividas.

No dude en ponerse en contacto con nosotros si tiene alguna pregunta.

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# Eureka! Program 2022-2023

## Application Check-List

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You can apply for the Eureka program either using this paper/pdf form, or you can submit the online application - <https://bit.ly/2023EurekaOnlineApp> (case sensitive). If submitting a digital copy, please make sure the following six items are included in your application and email components to [eureka@gidenver.org](mailto:eureka@gidenver.org) with the subject line "Eureka Program Application – [Your First & Last Name]". If submitting a physical copy, please deliver to Girls Inc. of Metro Denver in one envelope with your full name on the front. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

	Application Item	Details	Submitted By
	Application Cover Page	This form, with all items checked	Submitted by Applicant
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**Application Reviews Begins: February 27, 2023**

**Final Application Deadline: Friday, March 24, 2023 at 5:00pm**

**Want to submit an online application? Go to <https://bit.ly/2023EurekaOnlineApp> or scan this:**





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**Eureka! Program 2023-2024**  
**Participant Application**  
*Class of 2028*

**Applicant Information:**

<b>First and Last Name:</b> If you have a preferred name, include that, too!		
<b>Pronouns:</b>		
<b>Current School:</b>		Is this school within Denver Public Schools? Select one. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
<b>Current Grade:</b>		
Home Address (ex. 1499 Julian St.)		
City, State, Zip:		
Applicant Mobile Phone Number:		
Applicant Email:		
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY):		
Were you referred by a current Eureka?	If so, tell us their name:	

**Applicant Background Information:**

Girls Inc. of Metro Denver is committed to providing opportunities, resources and support to first-generation college students, low-income, and BIPOC youth. *\*Completion of this section is optional.\**

Will you be the first generation in your family to graduate from high school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Will you be in the first generation in your family to graduate from college or university?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Did your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) attend college in the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Have you ever been part of the foster care system?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
Do you receive or are you eligible for free/reduced lunch at school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
How do you identify racially, ethnically, and/or culturally?	
Are there any other identities that are important to you that you want to share?	



3. What are some jobs and careers that you are currently interested in? In other words, what do you want to be when you grow up?
  
4. What excites you about the *Eureka!* Program? What do you hope to gain from it?
  
5. What do you believe you can contribute to the *Eureka!* program? Why should you be selected?
  
6. Think about how you are doing in school right now. What actions are you taking to help ensure you maintain good grades or improve the grades you have? For example, do you go to talk to your teachers, get tutoring, check your grades consistently?
  
7. What other school year or summer activities are you committed to? When and for how long do they meet? Include activities like sports, clubs, other summer programs.
  
8. We want to get to know you better! Answer **ONLY ONE** of the following questions:
  - What song would you say best describes you? Why?
  - What is your favorite “unusual” food combination, and why should others try it?
  - If you could only play one game for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?
  - What’s a talent that you would do at a talent show?
  
9. Is there anything that would prevent you from attending Eureka! STEM Camp this summer from June 12<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday?
  
10. Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?



# Eureka! Program Application 2023-2024

## **Recommender Information**

You must have at least 1 adult in your life (that is not related to you) that share about how great you are through a recommendation. They can be a teacher, coach, counselor, volunteer coordinator, or anyone else that knows you well. You can have up to 2 total recommenders. We will reach out to your recommender to complete our recommendation form.

Recommender 1 First/Last Name	
Recommender 1 Relationship to You	
Recommender 1 Email Address	
Recommender 2 First/Last Name	
Recommender 2 Relationship to You	
Recommender 2 Email Address	

## **Questions for the Parent/Guardian | Preguntas para un Padre/Guardián**

While we know that it's your teen that is applying for the *Eureka!* program, family support is critical in helping them reach their goals. We'd benefit from hearing from you, as their parent/guardian, about their application to the program. Please respond to the questions within the space provided. | *Si bien sabemos que es su adolescente lo que está solicitando al Programa Eureka!, el apoyo familiar es fundamental para ayudarles a alcanzar sus metas. Nos beneficiaría saber de usted, como su padre/tutor, acerca de su solicitud para el programa. Por favor responda a las preguntas dentro del espacio proporcionado.*

1. What are your personal hopes and goals for your teen's education?  
*¿Cuáles son sus esperanzas y metas personales para la educación de su adolescente?*
  
2. Why do you want your teen to participate in the *Eureka!* Program?  
*¿Por qué quiere que su adolescente participe en este programa?*
  
3. Is your teen receiving any additional services at school or do they have an IEP? If so please explain so we can provide activities that will work for them if they are selected to participate.  
*¿Recibe su adolescente algún servicio adicional en la escuela o actualmente recibe servicios de educación especial? Si es así, explique para que podamos asegurarnos de ofrecerle actividades que le resulten útiles si es seleccionada para participar.*
  
4. Is there anything else you would like to share about your teen?  
*¿Hay algo más que le gustaría compartir sobre su adolescente?*

## **Eureka! Program Commitments/Compromisos para el programa:**

Girls Inc. and local partners are making an investment of more than \$3000 per participant to offer Eureka! in 2023-2024. Eureka participants ("Eurekans") are expected to participate fully in all aspects of this 5-year program, including orientations, summer sessions, internships, and monthly activities throughout the school year. Attendance at these events is critical to remain enrolled and fully benefit from the program. Eurekans are expected to communicate effectively with Eureka! staff to stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities.

Parents and guardians are expected to support their teen with this commitment of attending required programming and communicating effectively with Eureka! staff.

*Girls Inc. y socios locales están haciendo una inversión de más de \$3000 por participante para ofrecer Eureka! en 2023-2024. Se espera que las participantes de Eureka ("Eurekans") participen plenamente en todos los aspectos de este programa de 5 años, incluidas orientaciones, sesiones de verano, pasantías y actividades mensuales durante todo el año escolar. La asistencia a estos eventos es fundamental para permanecer inscrito y beneficiarse plenamente del programa. Se espera que las Eurekans se comuniquen efectivamente con el personal de Eureka! para mantenerse informada sobre próximos eventos y oportunidades.*

*¡Se espera que los padres y tutores apoyen a su adolescentes con este compromiso de asistir a la programación requerida y comunicarse de manera efectiva con el personal de Eureka! .*

**By signing my name below, I am agreeing to the commitments outlined above if I am selected for this program.**

***Al escribir mi nombre a continuación, acepto los compromisos descritos anteriormente si soy seleccionada para este programa.***

Applicant Signature/Firma: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature/Firma del padre/guardián: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Eureka! Program Frequent Asked Questions (FAQs)

- **I'm not currently in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or I don't live in the Denver metro area. Can I still apply?**
  - No. Applicants must currently be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and live in the Denver metro area. Girls and gender-expansive youth in grades 8-10 can apply to the Leadership Out Loud program, and those in grades 8-12 can apply for the High School Internship Program. Visit <https://www.girlsincdenver.org/> for more information.
- **I don't attend school within Denver Public Schools. Can I still apply?**
  - Yes, you can apply for Eureka!, however, stronger preference will be given to applicants that attend school within DPS school district. Most of our programming schedule is centered on the DPS calendar, and occasional weekday programs make living for from GIMD's center logistically challenging.
- **How will interviews be conducted?**
  - If selected as a finalist, all applicants must participate in a final interview. Interviews will be conducted virtually (i.e., Zoom) and we will work with families to ensure that you have access to the internet and tools necessary to participate in an interview. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis starting March 1, 2023, and no later than April 28.
- **I am already participating in another intensive/immersive program/sport/activity. Can I still be in Eureka?**
  - Yes, however, participating in two or more programs, sports, or activities that require a big commitment will be challenging. We encourage you to talk to your family about what it would take to balance all your commitments before you apply. Eureka should not be the lowest priority.
- **What if I cannot attend all required events during the school year?**
  - *Eureka!* has a credit system that tracks your participation. If you miss the required events there will be opportunities for you to make up that work independently. However, you **MUST** be able to attend the full STEM Camp program this summer.
- **When and where are the school-year activities?**
  - We have required programs, called STEM Saturdays, on (usually) the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. We also offer other, optional activities during the week and occasional weekends. Most weekend activities are in-person, and some weekday activities are online and some are in-person.

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## Preguntas Frecuentes sobre el Programa Eureka!

- **Actualmente no estoy en séptimo grado o no vivo en el área metropolitana de Denver. ¿Todavía puedo aplicar?**
  - No. Los solicitantes deben estar actualmente en séptimo grado y vivir en el área metropolitana de Denver. Las niñas y los jóvenes de género expansivo en los grados 8-10 pueden postularse para el programa Leadership Out Loud, y aquellos en los grados 8-12 pueden postularse para el Programa de pasantías de la escuela secundaria. Visite <https://www.girlsincedenver.org/> para obtener más información.
- **No asisto a la escuela dentro de las Escuelas Públicas de Denver. ¿Todavía puedo aplicar?**
  - Sí, puede solicitar al Programa Eureka!, sin embargo, se dará mayor preferencia a los solicitantes que asisten a la escuela dentro del distrito escolar de DPS. La mayor parte de nuestro horario de programación se centra en el calendario de DPS, y los programas ocasionales de lunes a viernes hacen que vivir desde el centro de GIMD sea un desafío logístico.
- **¿Cómo se realizarán las entrevistas?**
  - Si son seleccionados como finalistas, todas las solicitantes deben participar en una entrevista final. Las entrevistas se llevarán a cabo virtualmente (es decir por Zoom) y trabajaremos con las familias para garantizar que tenga acceso a Internet y las herramientas necesarias para participar en una entrevista. Las entrevistas se llevarán a cabo de forma continua a empezando el 1 de marzo de 2023 y acabaran a más tardar el 28 de abril.
- **Ya estoy participando en otro programa/deporte/actividad que es intensivo o inmersivo. ¿Puedo seguir en Eureka?**
  - Sí, sin embargo, participar en dos o más programas, deportes o actividades que requieren un gran compromiso será un desafío. Lo alentamos a que hable con su familia sobre lo que se necesitaría para equilibrar todos sus compromisos antes de presentar su solicitud.
- **¿Qué pasa si no puedo asistir a todos los eventos requeridos durante el año escolar?**
  - ¡Eureka! tiene un sistema de crédito que rastrea su participación. Si se pierde los eventos requeridos, habrá oportunidades para que recupere ese trabajo de forma independiente. Sin embargo, DEBES poder asistir al programa completo de STEM Camp este verano.
- **¿Cuándo y dónde son las actividades del año escolar?**
  - Tenemos requerido un programa mensual llamado “sábados STEM”, estos ocurren (generalmente) el 2º sábado del mes. También ofrecemos otras actividades opcionales durante la semana y fines de semana ocasionales. La mayoría de las actividades de fin de semana son en persona, y algunas actividades entre semana son en línea y otras en persona.



# The *Eureka!* Program

## At Girls Inc. of Metro Denver

### Recommendation Request

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Dear Supportive Adult in a Young Person's Life:

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for the Girls Inc. of Metro Denver *Eureka!* Program. *Eureka!* is a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program designed to encourage girls and gender-expansive youth's excitement about STEM subjects through engaging them in enriching and fun year-round learning opportunities. *Eureka!* is a 5-year commitment and integrates summer and school year experiences. "Eurekans" start the program during the summer before 8<sup>th</sup> grade and continue through high school graduation. During the first two years, Eurekans attend a 4-week summer camp and once-a-month activities during the school year. In years three and four, Eurekans are placed in paid summer internships, and year five they get to choose a STEM-based leadership activity.

Part of the *Eureka!* selection process requires a recommendation from a non-family member in an educational, work, or volunteer setting who can speak to the applicant's ability to commit to the program and enthusiasm for learning. By receiving this form, the applicant has requested a recommendation from you. Your recommendation is a critical part of our selection and awareness process. On the next page, please provide answers and information for all the questions provided, including:

- Applicant's full name
- Your name, title and how you know the applicant (including duration)
- **Question 1:** How has the applicant demonstrated an interest in STEM topics, or just their overall sense of curiosity?
- **Question 2:** How has the applicant demonstrated commitment, dedication, and responsibility?
- **Question 3:** What qualities and skills would the applicant contribute to the *Eureka!* program?
- **Question 4:** What challenges and roadblocks does the applicant face, and how could *Eureka!* be the critical difference that would propel them into a STEM academic and career pathway?

The completed recommendation should be emailed directly to the *Eureka!* program at [eureka@gidenver.org](mailto:eureka@gidenver.org) with "Eureka Recommendation – (Applicant Name)" in the subject line.

On behalf of Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, we thank you for your time, interest and participation in this process. Thank you for helping to inspire our girls to become strong, smart, and bold.

Sincerely,

The *Eureka!* Selection Committee



# The *Eureka!* Program 2022-2023

## Girls Inc. of Metro Denver Applicant Recommendation

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Your full and honest answers are greatly appreciated!

Applicant First/Last Name	
Your Full Name:	
Job Title/Role:	
How you know the applicant:	
Length that you've known the applicant:	

1. How has the applicant demonstrated an interest in STEM topics, or just their overall display of curiosity?
2. How has the applicant demonstrated commitment, dedication, and responsibility?
3. What qualities and skills would the applicant contribute to the *Eureka!* program?
4. What challenges and roadblocks does the applicant face, and how could *Eureka!* be the critical difference that would propel them into a STEM academic and career pathway?

*This recommendation should be emailed directly from the recommender to the Eureka! Program at [eureka@gidenver.org](mailto:eureka@gidenver.org) with "Eureka Recommendation – (Applicant Name)" in the subject line **no later than 5pm on Friday, March 24, 2023.***