

FAS Prize Office
2026–2027 Jacob Wendell Prize
Letter of Recommendation Waiver Form

STUDENT:

Complete this form, including the “Consent and Waiver” section, and email it to your instructor once that person has agreed to write a recommendation for you for the Wendell Prize. This form contains important instructions for your recommender. You will also upload this form when you submit your Wendell application to the Prize Office. The Wendell Prize selection committee cannot review a recommendation without this Letter of Recommendation Waiver Form on file.

The Wendell Prize application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

Name of student: _____

Name of recommender: _____

Consent and Waiver

Consistent with the terms of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby give Harvard University and the FAS Prize Office permission to release this letter of recommendation to the Wendell Prize selection committee for its use in reviewing my candidacy for the 2026–2027 Wendell Prize.

Please select one:

- I waive** any right of access that I might have as provided by law to this letter of recommendation.
- I do not waive** any right of access that I might have as provided by law to this letter of recommendation.

Student Signature

Date

RECOMMENDER:

Thank you for agreeing to write a letter of recommendation for a student applying to the Wendell Prize. Please submit your letter to the Prize Office at prizes@fas.harvard.edu **by the Wendell Prize deadline of 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2026.** This Letter of Recommendation Waiver Form is for your information. You do not need to include it with your letter.

The Wendell Prize is awarded annually to a Harvard College sophomore identified by the selection committee as the most promising and broad-ranging scholar in the student’s class, without reference to financial need. This prize of \$21,000 is awarded on the basis of a student’s first-year academic record, writing sample, essay about their academic experiences during their first year at Harvard, and letter of recommendation.

Further information about the Wendell Prize can be found at <https://prizes.fas.harvard.edu/wendell-prize>.

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