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| Pre-College Programs Summer 2026 Student Evaluation & Teacher Recommendation | Please return completed form to: pre-college-programs@coa.edu |
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| Student Information | |
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| Last Name: | First Name: |
| Grade Level (rising): | Email address: |

| High School | | | |
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| Name: | | | |
| Street Address: | | | |
| City: | State / Province: | Zip: | |
| Country: | Phone: () - | Fax: () - | |

| Student Authorization | |
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| <i>Please read the below statement and sign to formally authorize:</i> | |
| I, the student and prospective participant in College of the Atlantic's 2026 Pre-College Programs, give formal authorization for the undermentioned teacher or academic mentor to provide reference as it pertains to my scholastic accomplishments and personal character. Furthermore, I understand that the details provided below will be used to assess my eligibility to participate in the program, and that I waive access to the completed form. | |
| Student's Signature: | Date: |

ALL BELOW FIELDS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TEACHER PROVIDING REFERENCE

| Teacher Information | |
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| Last Name: | First Name: |
| Phone: () - | Email address: |

BACKGROUND: College of the Atlantic (COA) is a fully accredited, private non-profit, four-year college located in Bar Harbor, Maine, offering a Bachelor of Arts (BA) and a Master's of Philosophy (MPhil) in human ecology. COA's pre-college programs provide rising juniors and seniors with opportunities to reflect on their place in the world and to develop skills to use in college and beyond while earning college credit. We are looking for a select group of students willing to take advantage of a unique educational opportunity at a pivotal moment in their lives. Our classrooms include canoes on the river, farm fields, rocky island shores and the woods and waters of Maine and Acadia National Park. Here students explore the connections between different disciplines while they engage in an intensive program combining rigorous academic work with field experiences.

The committee appreciates your assistance in determining whether this applicant is well suited to take part in one of our programs. We are interested in a student's academic accomplishments, intellectual strengths and weaknesses, and personal qualities, such as a student's maturity compared to peers, the standards this student sets for himself/herself, and the ease and probability of the student's learning in an environment requiring a high degree of self- motivation.

CONFIDENTIALITY: We value your comments and ask that you complete this form with the knowledge that it will not become part of the students' permanent file. Statements provided here will not be shared with the student or any parties outside of the review committee and will be used strictly for the purpose of student selection for the 2026 program. If the student becomes a future applicant for undergraduate or graduate study at the college, your comments will not be used to determine their admission.

Evaluation

1. How long have you known this student, and in what context?

2. How would you describe this student in your own words?

3. What courses have you taught this student? Note for each course the student's grade level and the level of course difficulty (AP, accelerated honors, etc.).

4. College of the Atlantic's pre-college are small with students playing a large role in discussion and debate. How do you think this student would function in such a class environment?
