



**Applicant Information**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth.: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Ethnicity (please check all that apply):

Native American  Hispanic  African American  Anglo/White  Asian American  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Information**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State ZIP Code*

High School Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information**

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Mobile/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BY MARCH 27, 2020**



How did you find out  
about  
SaferFoodCats?  
SaferFoodCats  
Presentation  
Teacher  
Counselor  
YouTube  
Video  
Facebook  
Friend  
Other  
Source

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### Materials/Information to Provide If Selected

If you are selected to participate in the SaferFoodCats program, you must provide the following:

- Full name, date of birth, country of citizenship
- Proof of age
- Proof of school enrollment
- Parental release form
- Media release form
- Medical considerations/dietary restrictions
- Field trip release forms, approving day trips and individual activities
- Other forms/surveys that will be emailed/mailed to be filled out

Please **DO NOT** send these documents with your application.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Applicants selected to attend the SaferFoodCats program are required to attend the program in its entirety. Please **do not apply** if you have any obligations (i.e., vacation plans, other summer programs, etc.) that will prevent you from attending the entire SaferFoodCats program, which include a weekend, and opening and closing day activities.

*The SaferFoodCats program is an 8-day summer experience of a lifetime from June 6-13, 2020 to introduce you to career pathways in Food Safety, while experiencing what it is like to work in a real-world food safety laboratory at the University of Arizona. The SaferFoodCats program welcomes applications from all students. Because they are underrepresented in STEM, students who are of ethnic minority backgrounds (Hispanic, Native American, African American), are first-generation college, and/or are economically disadvantaged, are especially encouraged to apply.*

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## SaferFoodCats 2020

### ESSAY

The essay must:

- Be typed or legibly handwritten
- Be prepared in blue or black ink (no pencil or colored ink)
- Include your name, address, age, telephone number, and email address on the first page
- Be a minimum of 250 words, and a maximum of 500 words
- Address the topics below:
  - Why I Want to Attend the SaferFoodCats Program
  - What I Want to Learn
  - My Future Career Goals and How I Plan to Achieve My Goals
  - My Hobbies and Interests
  - Describe your interest in food safety, and any science-related courses you have taken, as well as any extracurricular or volunteer activities you have participated in related to food safety, plant, animal, or biological science.

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## SaferFoodCats 2020

### CHECKLIST

A complete application and package must include the following materials:

- Completed and signed application form
- Essay – 250 word minimum and 500 word maximum
- One letter of recommendation (one from a teacher, school counselor, or school administrator)

### **APPLICATIONS MAY BE EMAILED OR MAILED:**

- **EMAILED APPLICATION PACKAGES** may be filled out, signed, scanned and sent in **ONE** email to: [saferfoodcats@email.arizona.edu](mailto:saferfoodcats@email.arizona.edu)
  - The Letter of Recommendation may also be sent via email, however, it must be sent ***directly from the recommender to:*** [saferfoodcats@email.arizona.edu](mailto:saferfoodcats@email.arizona.edu) as a signed PDF from an official work email address
- **MAILED APPLICATION PACKAGES AND SEALED LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** may be sent in **ONE** large envelope to:

SaferFoodCats Program  
ATTN: Dr. Margarethe Cooper  
School of Animal and Comparative Biomedical Sciences  
1117 E. Lowell St.  
Tucson, AZ 85721

*Please remember to attach your essay if sent via email, or to include it your envelope if you are mailing your application.*

*Your reference letter must be emailed from your recommender or included with your application package in a sealed envelope if you are mailing it.*

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGES, CONTAINING THE LIST OF ITEMS INDICATED ABOVE, WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION. INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGES **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**PLEASE APPLY EARLY!  
DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!**

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**SaferFoodCats 2020**  
**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT'S NAME

**Student:** Please give this Letter of Recommendation to one (1) adult (a teacher or counselor), who knows you, and is familiar with your school work, interest in food safety or biological science, and work qualities. For example, a supervisor, teacher, school counselor, coach, or minister, who is **NOT A RELATIVE** of yours. **Please fill in your name on the top of the form.**

**Respondent:** The student named on this form is being considered for participation in the SaferFoodCats program, a summer enrichment program at the University of Arizona, sponsored by the Victor P. Smith Endowed Chair in Food Safety Education and the School of Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences.

Please complete this form on his/her behalf and return to the student **before March 27, 2020**. You may use a separate sheet of paper, if needed. You may also send it as a signed PDF from an official work email address.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Your Relationship to the Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Street**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**City** **State** **ZIP Code**

Please address the questions listed below:

- How do you know the student?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- How long have you known the student?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What do you know about the student's character, ambition, aptitude for learning, and interested in food safety, plant, animal, or biological science?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The information you provide is confidential. Please place your letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope and return it to the student OR send from official work email address as a signed PDF to [saferfoodcats@email.arizona.edu](mailto:saferfoodcats@email.arizona.edu) by **March 27, 2020**, in order for the student to receive full consideration.