



Institutional Endorsement Form for

First Name

Last Name

Dear Director, Supervisor or Administrator:

Astronomy from the Ground Up (AFGU) is a National Science Foundation funded program from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific (ASP) in collaboration with the National Optical Astronomy Observatory, and the Association of Science-Technology Centers. AFGU provides informal science educators at science centers, nature centers, museums, and other informal education venues with new and innovative ways to communicate astronomy content to their visitors.

Through additional funding from NASA, the ASP is working with the National Park Service and the National Association for Interpretation to provide educators and interpreters at US-based parks and outdoor education institutions with similar astronomy training and materials, tailored to their specific needs. This outdoor-focused portion of Astronomy from the Ground Up is called Sky Rangers. More information on Astronomy from the Ground Up and Sky Rangers can be found at www.astrosociety.org/afgu.

An application for participation in a Sky Rangers AFGU workshop has been submitted by the member of your staff listed above. We believe that administrative support leads to more successful partnerships between informal educators and the AFGU team. Therefore, please certify your institution's support for this applicant's participation in AFGU by completing and returning this **two-page** Institutional Endorsement Form to the AFGU Selection Committee. Institutional Endorsement Forms are **required** for all Sky Rangers workshop applicants and applications will be considered **incomplete** until the AFGU Selection Committee has received a completed Institutional Endorsement Form.

Name of Director/Supervisor/Administrator
Completing this Form [Please Print]: _____

Title: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

