

Need-Based Scholarship Recommendation

Dear Scholarship Selection Committee,

I am writing to advocate strongly for [Student Name]'s application to [Scholarship Name]. As [his/her/their] [teacher/counselor/mentor] at [School Name] for [time period], I have not only witnessed [his/her/their] academic abilities but also understand the significant financial obstacles [he/she/they] has overcome to pursue education.

[Student Name] faces circumstances that would overwhelm most students. [He/She/They] comes from a family where [brief context: single parent household, multiple siblings, parent illness, etc.], which has required [him/her/them] to [specific responsibilities: work part-time, care for siblings, contribute to household expenses]. Despite these challenges, [he/she/they] maintains a [GPA] and actively participates in [activities].

What amazes me about [Student Name] is [his/her/their] refusal to use circumstances as excuses. When [he/she/they] couldn't afford textbooks, [he/she/they] spent extra hours at the library. When transportation was an issue, [he/she/they] arranged carpools and walked when necessary. This resourcefulness and determination reflect a maturity beyond [his/her/their] years.

Academically, [Student Name] excels particularly in [subjects], where [he/she/they] has demonstrated [specific achievements]. [His/Her/Their] teachers consistently note [his/her/their] engagement and thoughtful contributions to class discussions. [He/She/They] asks insightful questions and helps create an inclusive learning environment for peers.

[Student Name]'s goal is to study [field] and eventually [career goal]. This scholarship would be transformative, allowing [him/her/them] to attend college without the crushing burden of debt that would otherwise force [him/her/them] to work excessive hours or potentially defer education entirely.

I have written many recommendation letters, but few students inspire me as much as [Student Name]. [He/She/They] represents exactly the kind of determined, capable student who will make the most of educational opportunities. I urge you to give [his/her/their] application your strongest consideration.

Please contact me at [email] or [phone] if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title]

[School Name]

[Contact Information]

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