

This letter is considered "great" because it outlines the student's involvement and success in more than one area. Key elements, including the student's academic successes, community involvement, and personality traits, are highlighted.

January 26, 2023

Dear [REDACTED] Representative, Please accept this letter of recommendation in support of [REDACTED] application for the [REDACTED] Scholarship program. I have known [REDACTED] for 4 years. As her Drill Team Coach I admire [REDACTED]'s perseverance, positivity, strength, maturity, leadership, and a great big smile. She inspires me when pure excitement and love flood over her when she motivates her team before performances. It's been an honor to observe her poise through her heart block diagnosis. She possesses the characteristics and qualities you are looking for to represent your Foundation. To truly understand where my recommendation comes from you need a little backstory. [REDACTED] pours her heart and soul into dance. She has passion and drive. So much that she was awarded most improved at Camp the summer of her Junior Year. I still remember how impressed and proud I was of how hard she worked for that award. Shortly after [REDACTED] health started getting visibly worse at practice. Then she was dealt even harder hits to her physical health. All the while she remained positive, and patient, working as hard as she could when the Doctors allowed. We knew with the progression of her health and safety it was the best decision to pull her from the competition dances for the rest of her Junior Year. It crushed all of us, but it didn't stop [REDACTED]. Through adversity, she always carries a light inside her. She still showed up. She was there for her team and the biggest cheerleader at the state competition. Junior year came to a close. A week later we held tryouts and presented [REDACTED] with the Team Manager position for her Senior Year. We couldn't imagine our team or Senior year without her. She is the best Manager we have ever had. [REDACTED] diagnosis has in no way stopped her. She is the heart of our team. She is positive, encouraging, and supportive, performs many tasks, and lifts the whole team. [REDACTED] is the selection for this scholarship. Her health problems don't keep her from accomplishing the things she loves. [REDACTED] is so much more than just an excellent Manager, she has a 3.6 GPA, and she has completed 9 years of Girl Scouts with a silver award. Academically has AP statistics, dual credit English classes, and Honors Government to prepare her for College next year. [REDACTED] has taken 4 years of Woodshop. She isn't afraid to dive into any project and get her hands dirty. She is always the first to jump in and offer help when needed. She commits to all she does. I have a great deal of respect for [REDACTED] and I am truly honored to be able to provide this letter of recommendation. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or if you would like to speak with me in more detail about why [REDACTED] deserves consideration for this award. Please feel free to call me at [REDACTED]. Thank you.

My best regards, [REDACTED]

This letter is considered "good" because it highlights the student's personality and success, but only in one area (academics).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am writing to recommend [REDACTED] for a possible acceptance at your university or winner of your scholarship. I've had the pleasure of meeting and knowing [REDACTED] as one of my AP Literature students this year and I feel honored to teach such a talented, versatile individual.

[REDACTED] is an exemplar of what a true learner looks like. Her dedication to learn beyond English in order to be a more well-rounded writer provides insight to her analysis that is superb in nature. Her dedication to hard work does not go unrecognized and her commitment to getting it right is admirable and refreshing. This young woman completes tasks with honor and integrity, whether people see it or not. She doesn't lead a path of cutting corners, but embraces the challenges set before her. She also demonstrates incredible maturity for her age.

[REDACTED] is also a writer in her free time and is currently working on her first novel. She is disciplined to write every day while balancing all her studies. [REDACTED] also shows deep compassion for her family and is committed to achieving her goals in order to take care of herself and those closest to her.

I highly recommend [REDACTED] for a spot in your university or as a winner of your scholarship offer. If her efforts are any indication of how she'd perform at the college level, [REDACTED] will be a positive addition to your organization. If you should ever need any other additional information about [REDACTED] as a student, feel free to email me at [REDACTED].

Best,

[REDACTED]
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