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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of recommendation is being written on behalf of _____. I have known _____ since August 2007. Since then and in every respect, _____ has been an outstanding student.

My Honors Government class demands a great deal of work. This work includes reading every night, writing weekly, and participating in daily discussions. It is a class that concentrates critical thinking as opposed to the memorization of information. Every year many students will enroll in my class only to later transfer to a regular government class when they realize the difficulty of this course. Fortunately for me, _____ is not one of these students. She has accepted every challenge presented to her and to her credit has overcome them.

Not only does _____ display superior academic performance but for her community service and leadership are also a way of life. In everything she does, _____, is an active participant who shapes the proceedings and leaves a lasting impression. Few young people find the time to volunteer in helping the elderly (as _____ does at Mountain View Nursing Home), working to help local youth (as a tutor at Ridgeway Preparatory High School and as a leader of Vacation Bible School through First Baptist Church), and acknowledging the work of countrymen overseas (via letters and care packages to troops in the Middle East). The joy and blessing for me comes in seeing her fulfillment in helping others; _____ genuinely prefers a lifestyle of service and compassion. Additionally, on her high school campus, _____ has found specific opportunities to be a leader who works with others regardless of the surroundings. She currently is the Secretary of the Biology Club and it is hard to imagine a more trustworthy student in such a position. Personally, I cherish the work she has done as Editor-in-Chief of our school newspaper. I am the advisor for this class that reappeared at RPHS after a 10 year hiatus. I identified _____ back in 2005 when she was in my Honors English class as a student who help make this new class a success. Fortunately for me, _____ felt the same calling and has been an invaluable leader this year. She works alongside her peers with helpful intent; she offers constructive criticism when many of her peers might shy away from speaking honestly. Simply put, she believes in doing what is right, and that positively influences everything in her life. I was not surprised, furthermore, to discover that she represented our high school at the Northern California Youth Leadership Conference, and I would not hesitate to recommend her for future opportunities such as this.

Working with _____ has been one of the joys of my teaching career. Based on _____'s dedication to her academic performance, community service and leadership, I have no hesitation in offering my highest recommendation for her to receive this scholarship. If I can be of any more assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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