

Dear Selection Committee,

I write to offer my strongest recommendation for Connor as a recipient of your scholarship. I have had the privilege of teaching Connor for two years and have come to regard him as one of the most exceptional students I've encountered in my career. His academic performance, character, and leadership make him an outstanding candidate for your award.

Connor is widely recognized at Nichols School as a high-achieving, excellence-driven student. He was named an AP Scholar with Distinction as a 10th grader and has earned the Highest Honors award every year of his high school career. From the moment he entered the Modern and Classical Languages Department, it was clear he was destined for academic success. As a 9th grader, Connor enrolled in Advanced French 3—a rare placement, as most incoming students begin at level 2. He thrived in this advanced course while simultaneously navigating the challenges of transitioning to high school. His early success reflected not only his intellectual ability but also his well-developed executive functioning skills, which have empowered him to excel consistently.

I have also had the pleasure of working with him outside the classroom through our school's long-standing partnership with the Institution Saint-Joseph in Normandy, France. Each year, three students are selected to attend the Normandy International Youth Leadership Summit—a prestigious, student-run conference with global participation. After expressing a clear and sincere interest, Connor was selected and traveled with me and two peers to the summit in the fall of 2023. Throughout the trip, Connor was fully engaged, enthusiastic, and respectful. He connected easily with students from around the world, showed cultural sensitivity, and made the most of the experience. His participation was a testament to his curiosity, open-mindedness, and leadership.

Beyond his academic achievements, Connor is a deeply involved and highly respected member of our school community. He is active on several sports teams and student clubs and has taken on leadership roles, including serving as a peer tutor and on the Student Conduct Committee. He also finds time to participate in internships and volunteer initiatives, reflecting his commitment to making a meaningful impact both in and beyond the classroom.

Connor is one of the most capable and well-rounded students I have had the pleasure of teaching. I recommend him for your scholarship without reservation. I am confident he will continue to exceed expectations and contribute meaningfully to any academic community. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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