

Freeport Area School District  
Secondary Music Department

Developing Musical Skills in Students that Lead to a Lifetime of Learning in the Arts

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to extend my highest recommendation for Miss Summer Arner. In her sixth year under my direction, Miss Arner has proven to me that she is an exceptional student, a talented musician, and a wonderful, well-respected leader at Freeport Area Senior High School. While in the band program, Summer is one of the most prominent members in the High School marching band, serving as Commanding Officer.

Her ability to balance inter-department schedules is truly admirable, and she sets the bar high for all students involved in other activities. By finding time to participate in band, she has found a natural balance between school and work activities. Furthermore, Summer's leadership skills and knowledge of music is admirable, and her positive attitude and diligent work ethic help her to succeed. She is the definition of a model student and person.

One of the best qualities of Summer is her ability to develop a sense of ownership for creating an excellent finished product with her peers. This quality is not something to take lightly, as most teenagers have accepted mediocrity in their daily activities. Summer has embraced challenges, seeks out opportunities, and develops excellent relationships with her peers and teachers. She epitomizes excellence in her actions on a daily basis, and *our program is better because of her servant leadership*.

Please accept this letter as my highest recommendation for Miss Summer Arner. Let me know if you require any other information.

Sincerely,

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