



# NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with extreme honor that I am writing this as a letter of recommendation for Charles Blenko. I have had the pleasure of knowing Charles for almost four years. I met Charles when he joined the newly formed Model United Nations club at Norwin High School. Since the club was in its first year, it was a learning process for everyone involved and Charles took all of it in stride. Today, Charles is the current president of the Model United Nations club as well as the History Club. Model UN requires a great deal of time outside of the classroom to research your assigned country and develop position papers for conferences. Since Charles joined the club in its first year, I have had the pleasure of watching him grow into a distinguished delegate with extreme confidence representing various delegations including Nigeria and Japan. Since the club began, Charles has attended every conference we have gone to and by doing so he has advanced in his skills by speaking eloquently and elaborating on different strategies to help solve real world problems. Being an original member, Charles has helped the club grow to the size it is today. Being president of Model UN, Charles understands the importance of time management as well as dedication if you want to see something become superior. Charles spends his study hall keeping up on all the records for the club. This includes organizing membership forms, creating Excel spreadsheets to input dues for each student and helping set up conferences and fundraisers. Charles has also taken the time to outline the rules and responsibilities for each of the officer positions to ensure that future generations would be working properly and effectively. Charles has also helped many new members learn how to properly research and develop ideas as well as helping them with their public speaking skills. He has been a wonderful mentor to many students not only at the high school level but the middle school level as well and has shown his patience and understanding. Since I met Charles, I have had the opportunity to get to know him on a different level and have discovered what a wonderful person he is to be around. Charles is caring, charismatic and enthusiastic about what he does and always give one hundred percent. He is truly a student that understands the value of hard work and dedication.

Charles puts in a remarkable amount of time towards research and ideas as well as extracurricular activities and other hobbies he enjoys. He will dedicate himself to making sure a goal is accomplished no matter what. Besides his normal workload at school, Charles also has a job at Target where he works several days a week. Charles bikes on a regular basis and also has a passion for trains. He is currently working on restoring a train signal which he plans to keep at his home. Charles is part of the National Honor Society, Quiz Team and the History Club. Through the History Club, Charles has travelled to Washington D.C. where he had the opportunity to visit various monuments and museums including the Holocaust Museum, Ford's Theater and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. Charles also participated in several other local trips to Shanksville to visit the Flight 93 Memorial and Hannah's Town to discover more in regards to colonial life. For the trips, Charles was a model student that showcased proper behavior and understanding for following the rules. Because of his involvement with extracurricular activities and holding down a job, Charles has showcased the ability to multitask and manage his time effectively and effortlessly. Charles is currently in the process of working with other History Club officers to orchestrate several trips this year including the Heinz History Center, Dulles Airport and Philadelphia for our upcoming summer trip.

I would highly recommend Charles Blenko to any major university. Not only is Charles a caring individual who thinks of others, he is a tremendous student to work with. His desire to achieve more in life and make a difference in the world around him is extremely obvious in his thoughts and actions. I feel that no matter where Charles goes in life, he will be an asset to those who have the opportunity to work with him. If you should ever need any additional information you can feel free to contact me at 724-861-3005 extension 3227 or by email [lsturm@norwinsd.org](mailto:lsturm@norwinsd.org) anytime.

Thank you,

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