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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to highly recommend William Gustafson for the opportunity to be a recipient of your scholarship. He is enrolled in the College in High School program through the University of Pittsburgh. Last year as a junior, he had the highest percentage of all my AP/CHS Calculus 1 students for the year. It was glaringly clear that he had mastered Calculus 1. I am honored to be his teacher for both CHS Calculus 2 and AP/CHS Physics this year. I am most confident that he will undoubtedly be my top scoring student in both classes. It is with great pleasure that I am recommending William based on his academic diligence, athletic determination, leadership and extensive volunteerism.

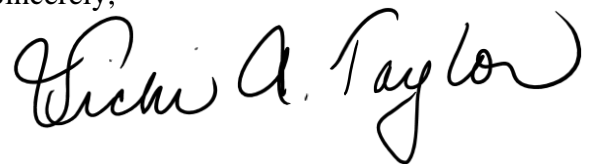
William Gustafson exemplifies the model student. William continually demonstrates his academic work ethic to achieve extraordinary results. His academic accomplishments include, but are not limited to, currently being second in his Highlands 2019-2020 class, earning a 95% in AP/CHS Calculus 1, being a member of the National Honor Society and the GATE program and earning High Honors Gold Awards for eight consecutive years. He is a disciplined, inquisitive and motivated student. William has the ability to turn an "impossible problem" into a success through determination, group work and positive thinking. I have witnessed him work masterfully in lab groups as well as problem solving groups. His excitement and enthusiasm for the acquisition of new knowledge is infectious. In class, William not only motivates himself, but he also pushes his classmates to follow his lead. He contributes consistently to class discussions by asking in depth questions that are intuitive which ultimately aid the entire class in understanding complex concepts. William is quick to patiently tutor a fellow classmate in need with a concept he has grasped. That sharing of knowledge, patience and guidance are attributes of a good strong leader. His curiosity, questioning skills and personal drive for success are his major assets. William's academic potential is well above the rest. He will soon reach the limits of the resources at Highlands High School. He needs to move onward to bigger and better challenges. Attending a top ranking university will be the perfect platform for him to expand his knowledge and for his strengths to best utilized and appreciated.

William Gustafson's work ethic overflows into his athletic, scout and volunteer endeavors. He is our school's varsity 2019 golf co-captain and has been a member of the team for three years. William has earned the rank of Eagle Scout and has served as a leader in many capacities in the Boy Scout organization. His volunteerism is extremely impressive in every way. William's volunteer work includes, but is not limited to, Scouting for Food, Ride for the

Homeless Veterans, Eagle Scout Project volunteer for numerous projects and building a floating dock at our local park clocking over 125 hours of man-power.

William Gustafson has made himself shine above all his peers through his academic meticulousness, athletic perseverance and ability to attain outstanding goals. He clearly shows strong evidence of leadership and concern for our community. William is a positive role model not only for the student body, but for the community at large. I am recommending William Gustafson with great confidence to receive your scholarship. He has earned and deserves the best for all of his achievements. If you have any further questions or require clarification please do not hesitate to contact me at vtaylor@goldenrams.com or 724-226-1000 ext. 1203. Thank you for your time and consideration of William Gustafson.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki A. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the word "Taylor".

Vicki A. Taylor
Physics and Calculus teacher
Science Department Co-Chairperson