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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this in reference to Derry Area student Haley Smolleck. It is with great confidence that I recommend her for top consideration for the Outstanding Young Citizen Award. She has shown excellence and passion for her academics and improving the lives of her fellow students and community members.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Haley in this 2018-2019 school year in the capacity of being her English, Economics, and Civics teacher. During this time, she has earned exemplary marks and continues to go above and beyond in her responsibilities. Based on Haley’s grades, extracurricular activities, and awards, she has shown to truly be an all-around positive influence in the school setting.

 Haley has proven to exemplify a strong work ethic that she displays on a regular basis in class. She pushes beyond the average requirements to produce work that shows her admirable skill set and her individualistic and creative nature. She consistently seeks to improve her work by conferencing with her classmates and teachers to ensure a consummate performance in her courses and meet her own rigorous standards. Haley consistently displays positive interactions with peers and educators as she puts genuine thought and problem solving skills into her classroom work.

Haley has a number of strengths to offer anyone she comes into contact with, specifically to her peers and the community in general. She shows great kindness and generosity as she works with the Food Bank, Soup Kitchen, and Derry Area’s Kind Closet to assist those in need in the area around her. She makes a constant effort to improve the lives of those around her as she consistently stays after school to participate and sometimes lead school sponsored activities like the Interact Club and the National Business Honors Society.

All of these things prove that Haley would be a perfect candidate to win the Outstanding Young Citizen Award. The hard work, leadership, and care she exemplifies are traits that few people match. I would without question or hesitation recommend her.

Sincerely,

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