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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my sincere pleasure to write this recommendation on behalf of Miss Julia Fiedor's application for the Trib. Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship. Miss Fiedor is an extremely motivated, intelligent, accomplished, and talented young woman. When it comes to writing letters of recommendation, no adjectives can adequately describe the principles and positive attributes that she displays in all aspects of her life.

I had the privilege of working with Julia in my Advanced Placement English Language and Composition course. AP English is a challenging class that requires students to read and analyze 18-20<sup>th</sup> century American literature as well as develop an academic writing style that employs the techniques of persuasive rhetoric. During the school year, she read numerous American novels, historical documents, and literary criticisms. Additionally, she completed a successful research project, composed sophisticated academic essays, and regularly led discussions during our Socratic seminars. Overall, Julia was one of my *strongest and brightest* students during the 2017-18 school year.

I have known Julia for one year during which time she has impressed me with her dedication to academic and personal success. Her commitment to academics has earned her membership in the National Honor Society and election as president of the organization. During her high school tenure, she has consistently challenged herself, enrolling in multiple Advanced Placement and honors courses as both a junior and a senior. She has flourished in the Advanced Placement environment, especially in her performance as a critical thinker and writer. Julia's outstanding performance in the class attests to her intellect and academic prowess. She is an ideal student who truly loves learning. I am sure she will maintain academic excellence in the collegiate environment.

In addition to Julia's academic endeavors, she is also very active in our school and community. She participates in a variety of school organizations including: volleyball, musical theater, Interact club, Student Council, AP Humanities Club, and STEM Club. During her junior year, Julia served as a class officer, organizing fundraisers and events for the junior class. Outside of school, our local community benefits from Julia's altruistic nature. She is a member of the Pittsburgh Advisory Council where she designed and ran a volunteer project that provided meals to the homeless in the Northside of Pittsburgh. Additionally, Julia has engaged in numerous professional and academic experiences which will aid her in the future. These include experiences at Carnegie Mellon University and at a New York City scholarship-based STEM camp. Despite this hectic schedule, Julia still managed to hold a part-time job at Gap and participated in a Summer Health Career Academy. Julia's impressive ability to balance her difficult classes with extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, and volunteerism efforts exemplifies her maturity, tenacious work ethic, and ambitious personality. Her unwavering positive attitude and true concern for others make her more than just an incredible student; she is an incredible person.

I can honestly say that Miss Julia Fiedor is one of the *most impressive* young women I have come across in my teaching career. I am extremely confident that she will achieve great success in her future and serve as an immense asset to the University of Pennsylvania. Therefore, I enthusiastically provide her with my *strongest* recommendation.

Sincerely, *Lauren N. Kaszonyi*

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