

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Fabian Cotten, and I am Morgan Henson's proud counselor with Crossroads Foundation. It is with pleasure, I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Morgan to receive the 2020 Outstanding Young Citizens Scholarship.

I have known Morgan since 2016, the year she received an academic scholarship from Crossroads Foundation, as an incoming freshman at Oakland Catholic High School. As a Crossroads scholar, Morgan is an active participant in a full suite of academic enrichment, broad career and college experiences, and social and emotional wellness programs. By graduation, Morgan will have completed over 300 hours of enrichment programming to prepare her for post-secondary education and a future career.

What separates Morgan from her peers is her passion for equality and service. Morgan has championed a worthy cause for various organizations but she felt she could contribute more to the black community in Pittsburgh. She is the co-founder of a non-profit organization called Black, Young and Educated, also known as BYE. In its second year, BYE has been successful organizing events to create networking opportunities and to create a platform for diverse voices in the community.

Above all, I believe no one is more deserving of the Outstanding Young Citizens Scholarship than Morgan. She has demonstrated maturity and determination for success throughout her career at Oakland Catholic and with Crossroads. Morgan has an acute awareness of social, economic and political implications. Her leadership, passion and genuine efforts are heavily impacted by those she serves. I assure you, Morgan will make a positive impact wherever she goes. However, as a recipient of the Outstanding Young Citizens Scholarship, Morgan will have the opportunity to pursue a career in criminology without financial burden. In addition she will represent Crossroads and the Outstanding Young Citizens Scholarship Foundation with highest honor.

If you have further questions, I can contact my cell at 412-508-6334 or email fcotten@crfdn.org.

Respectfully,

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