

Letter of Recommendation for Sarah Watson

Sarah Watson is an exceptionally hard worker with a fierce determination to prove herself. She works any and all problems comprehensively, exhausting every possible option to ensure her work is accurate and complete. She takes life, school and music very seriously and she is fully aware that college is the stepping-off point for her future. Sarah has a strong religious faith and is a very compassionate and loyal friend and family member. Perhaps one of her strongest traits is her refusal to give up on a goal she sets for herself, regardless of the challenges she must face. Since I met Sarah as a freshman entering public high school for the first time, she has been determined to be at the top of the class and excel at a level that earns her a spot at a highly competitive college.

Academically, Sarah is as strong as one can be. This comes through a combination of natural intelligence and an incredibly strong work ethic. Since she entered Hampton as a freshman, Sarah has taken the most difficult schedule available to her, consequently, one of the most difficult in her graduating class. The results have been nothing short of amazing. Sarah doesn't seem to have a weak spot, regardless of the subject matter, she fully immerses herself in the content and looks for the real world application of her newly acquired knowledge. Sarah is equally as passionate about science and music and hopes to pursue both of these loves at the collegiate level.

Outside of the classroom, Sarah is just as accomplished, maybe even more so, than she is in the classroom. Again, most of her activities somehow focus on one of her two real passions. Sarah seeks out opportunities to expound upon her experiences and really delve into areas that interest her. She is a gifted musician and dancer who loves the outlet that the arts provide her. She has participated for several years with the local youth orchestra and has served as both a soloist and principal flutist and oboist, among other roles. She is involved in our high school band and has been both a dancer and choreographer in our musical productions. Sarah has volunteered countless hours to activities with her church, including mission trips and teaching CCD. One of her favorite activities, was working in the cancer research department at West Penn Hospital Lung Institute. Currently, Sarah is spending her summer at the University of Notre Dame in their Summer Scholars Life Sciences program.

Obviously, Sarah Watson is a student who seeks out opportunities and then maximizes them. She has put a great deal of thought and research into the college application process so that she finds the school that she feels will afford her the ability to continue to pursue both science and music, and to continue to grow in her faith and service to others.

Respectfully,

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