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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Joyce Yin as a recipient of the Trib Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Scholarship. She is a student who shines in her academic achievement, her self-confidence, and her drive to succeed.

In the year and a half I have known Joyce, I have been impressed with her intellectual acuity and her drive to achieve. Joyce was identified for the Gifted and Talented program in elementary school and has lived up to that label ever since. She willingly challenges herself by enrolling in a long list of Advanced Placement classes, and I consistently see the value she puts on academic achievement as reflected not only in her selected schedule but also in her grades, which are all A's. While this achievement is impressive, it is simply a manifestation of who she is. Joyce loves to learn regardless of discipline, but she is particularly passionate about STEM fields. From shadowing mechanical engineers, optometrists, and pathologists to spending a summer maxi-prepping bacteria and analyzing mouse retinas at the Oregon Health and Sciences University, Joyce devotes much of her time to expanding her mind so that she can, in turn, multiply everything that is good about the world.

Roadblocks never deter Joyce; rather, she finds ways around them. She sets high yet attainable goals and then systematically works toward those goals. Being at the top of her class is important to her as displayed both inside and outside the classroom. In addition, getting into a prestigious and competitive college of her choice is a primary goal as she views that type of institution as a way to attain what she ultimately desires – becoming a chemical engineer and working or conducting research within the industry. The proposition is an expensive one, but there is no doubt that awarding Joyce scholarship money is a wise investment.

Joyce is a student who holds high standards for herself and others with regard to work, grades, and ethics. In fact, it is through that commitment that she best displays leadership skills. She will take the lead in group assignments so that she ensures the work is done to her level of perfection. She is an integral member and leader of numerous school teams and clubs and strives to give back to her community.

Joyce Yin is a student who will, without a doubt, make the college of her choice, the Greater Latrobe School District, her family, and most importantly, herself proud.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Linda Kubus
Teacher