

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation on the behalf of Maria Fuentes. Maria is a former student in my AP psychology class, and I have also had the pleasure of being her SCA sponsor for the past three years. After spending countless hours with Maria, I would strongly encourage you consider her application for your scholarship.

Maria is a remarkable student who clearly stands out from her peers. Maria is a student that I can always depend on, and she has helped me around my classroom, even when she is busy with her own tasks. Maria has proven to be an exceptional leader, as she is currently serving as my All-SCA President as well as serving as her class president the previous two school years. I have witnessed Maria grow in her leadership qualities during that time and observed her interactions with both her classmates and the leadership team at Liberty High School. Maria treats every single person she encounters with respect and kindness which is a quality uncommon to many students her age. She serves as a model both in and outside the classroom by displaying an exemplary work ethic at all times; she never backs down from a difficult challenge. I have witnessed Maria tackle difficult situations with tact and grace. I was thoroughly impressed with Maria as she took my AP level course as a sophomore, which is a challenge many students her age do not attempt. She worked diligently to understand material while making the most of all her opportunities to review difficult concepts.

Maria is a remarkable student. She serves as a role model to others at Liberty High School as is someone others may look up to for guidance, advice, and support. Because I serve as both Maria's former teacher and SCA advisor, I have witnessed her participation in a wide variety of in-school and out of school activities. She volunteers her time consistently for every school sponsored activity. She even takes it upon herself to sit with underclassmen during lunch to make them feel welcome at our school. Her drive and passion to make every student feel welcome at our school is contagious. Maria always places her family, school, community and academic performance above herself on a daily basis and emulates our school motto at Liberty High School of "high expectations, leadership, and service."

I believe that Maria will absolutely thrive in the college setting. Her maturity level, leadership qualities, and academic successes clearly set her apart from her peers. She strives to achieve success and does not allow for setbacks to hinder her. She has taken every opportunity to challenge herself, notably by selecting courses designed to prepare her for college. I therefore, highly recommend you consider Maria as an applicant for your scholarship in order to further her academic goals. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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