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Dear Members of the Scholarship Committee,

It is both a privilege and an honor to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Darla Larson, a student in my Pre-Calculus Honors and AP Computer Science classes during her sophomore year. I have known Darla for over four years and have found her to be an exceptional student academically, as well as a role model and leader among her peers. Her eagerness to learn and her genuine enthusiasm for education make her a favorite among both teachers and students at our school.

Darla is the type of student who consistently strives to do her best. She demonstrates a tremendous work ethic and an unwavering determination to overcome any challenge. In my Pre-Calculus Honors class, Darla excelled—her test scores were consistently among the highest in the class. During group activities, she frequently volunteered to present her solutions to the class with confidence and poise, fostering engaging discussions with her classmates. Although she is focused and driven, she is also compassionate and humble. Darla often took time to assist classmates who struggled with certain concepts, and her modest, approachable demeanor made her a natural leader.

In AP Computer Science, Darla again distinguished herself as an outstanding student. Despite having no prior programming experience, she quickly grasped complex coding concepts and applied them effectively to solve challenging problems. She was often one of the first students to complete programming assignments, and rather than move ahead on her own, she willingly tutored classmates who needed extra help. Her dedication and mastery of the material earned her an A+ in the class and a score of 5 on the AP Exam.

Beyond her academic achievements, Darla is deeply committed to her school and community. She has been an integral member of the school's Golf Team for four years, earning Varsity MVP honors twice, and has also been a dedicated soccer player on the same club team for ten years. A four-year Scholar-Athlete, Darla has balanced her demanding athletic schedule with impressive academic success, consistently earning a place on both the Principal's and Superintendent's Honor Rolls every semester. In addition, she actively participates in multiple clubs and organizations focused on community service, demonstrating her compassion and leadership outside the classroom as well.

Darla Larson would make an excellent recipient for your scholarship. She is an intelligent, capable, and personable young woman who approaches every endeavor with integrity, discipline, and enthusiasm. She is highly respected by both students and faculty alike, and I recommend her to you without reservation. If you have any questions or would like further information about Darla's accomplishments and character, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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