

To Whom It May Concern:

I proudly give Douglas King my highest recommendation. I have known Douglas for over four years now as a musician and student leader within the Hardin Valley Academy band program in Knoxville, TN. In the time that I have known Douglas, he has been one of the strongest students and musicians I have encountered. I believe that Douglas has a very high potential for success in a collegiate and professional environment.

Academically, Douglas is an exceptional student with a weighted GPA of 4.35 who is committed to his studies and his scholarly development. He is passionate in the STEM field and is pursuing a career in engineering. As a band member, Douglas has been an exceptional musician, as well as being one of the most skilled student leaders I have encountered in seventeen years of teaching. He is a talented percussionist with a commitment to performing at a high level on his instrument. More notably, he has been a part of our student leadership team and has been a drum major of our nationally competitive marching band his junior and senior years. He has positively excelled in a leadership role. Douglas displays a sensitivity and awareness of himself and those around him that is not only exceptional for his age, but is at a higher level than most adults. This allows him to be an outstanding mentor and peer leader and to respond with genuine care and concern to his teammates. In my 17 years of teaching, Douglas's leadership ability has not been surpassed by any other students who I have had the pleasure of teaching, many of whom have been exceptional leaders themselves.

Throughout the time that I have known him, Douglas has been one of the strongest students and individuals that I have come across. I am confident that he will thrive in a collegiate environment with high standards of scholarship and performance, and I look forward to seeing where his future studies will take him. I truly believe that he will be a great success and I proudly give him my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

Alex Rector
Band Director
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