

Hello scholarship reader,

My name is Sophie Fierst and it is an honor to be writing a letter for Jeremy. I am his Leadership teacher at Walter Johnson High School. From his sophomore to his senior year, I have had the privilege of getting to know him for the exceptional boy that he is.

I've watched him rise in his leadership journey to being a part of so many opportunities in our school, leadership positions that impact the school community in so many ways.

I first met him after he won his class treasurer election his freshman year, and was very eager to get started in his new role. He serves as an active voice in decision making, and also is an active voice in our leadership class and instructs younger leaders so much better than most kids I've ever met.

He serves as captain of both the track and field and cross country teams, where he leads not simply through performance, but through consistency and encouragement towards his teammates. He is the Editor-in-Chief of our school newspaper, and as a position of that magnitude requires, he pours effort into making sure his peers are on task and having fun.

In the classroom and in leadership settings, he is one of the most insightful students I have taught. On numerous occasions, he has contributed ideas that elevated our planning of school-wide events while displaying an understanding of student participation. It is not an exaggeration to say that there are moments when his leadership traits surpass even what I can assist as a Leadership Class sponsor.

His commitment to service is truly remarkable. As a student ambassador, he plays a critical role in welcoming new students, offering them a sense of belonging. He also serves as class treasurer, managing responsibilities that require both organization and social skills. Additionally, he brings energy and school spirit to life as our school mascot at many events, demonstrating a willingness to contribute in the most unique ways.

As a student on the autism spectrum, he has navigated challenges that require persistence. Rather than allowing these challenges to limit him, he has a strong sense of responsibility. His work ethic is extraordinary, and his growth over the past three years has been awesome to witness.

He also actively seeks opportunities at leadership conferences and engaging with programs across the county. In every setting, he represents our school with professionalism and a desire to learn and contribute.

In every role he takes on, he leads with heart. He is the kind of individual who elevates the people and communities around him. I am confident that he will inspire others and make a huge impact wherever he goes.

Sincerely,  
Sophie Fierst  
WJHS Leadership Teacher