



# Nolensville High School

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1600 Summerlyn Drive  
Nolensville, TN 37135

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Katherine Crump, and I am writing in recommendation of Andrew Hardoin for the Randy King Memorial Scholarship. I had the pleasure of teaching Andrew for English III and English I. Andrew is an absolutely wonderful student.

As a teacher, sometimes you are fortunate enough to be able to teach the same group of students multiple times. The growth that I was able to see from Andrew as a freshman to a junior, and even today as a senior is truly exceptional.

Andrew has matured tremendously. While I expect that a great deal of this has to do with the hardships he has experienced through his mother's illness and passing, I believe that it is more a reflection of his character. He has a focused, quiet determination. Amidst incredibly difficult times, which no child should have to experience, Andrew committed himself to doing his best. Last year, this led me to write an email to his parents to inform them about the incredibly growth I had seen from him.



Katherine Crump

To:

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Hi **Hardoins!**

I hope you're having a great day!! I just wanted to reach out and share some good news about Andrew. I just had an awesome conversation with him 😊 We were discussing how he's had a much better attitude, focus, and engagement in English class this semester and I totally agree! I really feel like he has grown tremendously and am proud of him for focusing and putting his best effort into class.

Have a great day!

*Ms. Katherine Crump, M.Ed.*  
**NOLENSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
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Tragically, a couple of weeks later, Andrew's mother lost her battle to pancreatic and liver cancer. As the daughter of a breast cancer survivor, I know how heartbreaking it can be to witness a parent struggle in this way and feel so helpless—I can't imagine this loss at such a young age. Yet, I'm consistently blown away by the way he continues to honor his mother's memory by his positive actions and choices. Each week, Andrew spends some of his homeroom time with me and we chat about the various updates in his life. He's begun a business, improved his grades, and works hard to maintain close bonds with friends and his family. I'm so incredibly proud of him and the person he has become.

Andrew is a remarkable young man and deserving of scholarship.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Crump, English Teacher

Sara Landing  
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March 25, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Andrew Hardoin for the Randy King Memorial Scholarship. I have gotten to know Andrew this year through my English IV class. He is a talented student who has balanced maintaining academic and athletic success. However, there is much more to why I believe that he is a perfect candidate for this award.

While teaching is about ensuring that students master academic content, for me, it is often more about matters of the heart. I taught Andrew's older brother, Alexander, two years ago. It was during this time that their mother, Paula, was diagnosed with liver and pancreatic cancer. While I have taught many students who have dealt with parental illnesses, this particular case stood out: Andrew and Alexander's mom had the *brightest* presence. I remember meeting her at a wrestling event, and I was struck by how beautiful and kind she was. When I was a senior in high school, my dad was diagnosed with cancer, so I was able to talk with Alexander at times on a more personal level about what they were going through. The following year, when Andrew was a junior, I learned that Paula passed, and my heart was broken for their family.

I am convinced that those on the outside looking in cannot fully understand the complex layers of grief that cancer brings. On one hand, we grieve for those who are sick, for the pain they are experiencing and all the things they will miss. On the other hand, we grieve for ourselves: we mourn the absence of future memories. However, when a teenager experiences something like this, there is an additional layer of loss. Childhood is supposed to be the period of life when parents care for their children—when children can learn and live without carrying the worries that eventually come with adulthood. Because of this, I am especially amazed when a student like Andrew perseveres through times like this. Andrew has grown into an excellent student and a talented lacrosse player, but most importantly, he is a good and kind human being. As the mom of a son, I think this is what we ultimately want most for our boys: to become men with good hearts. Andrew has done that.

Whether he knows it or not, Andrew carries his mom's bright spirit that I recognized immediately when I met her a few years ago. Needless to say, I am proud of all Andrew has become, and I am sure his mom would be too. Thank you for considering him for this award.

Sincerely,

Sara Landing  
English Department Chair  
Nolensville High School

March 19, 2026

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Most high school students manage the stress of school assignments, high-stakes tests, athletic competitions, and the excitement of social events like the big dance. These experiences are a natural part of growing from adolescence into adulthood. However, few 16-year-olds face the devastating challenge of watching a loved one battle—and ultimately lose—the fight against cancer.

I first met Andrew in August 2023 as he was a student in my 10th grade English class. Having taught his older brother just a few years earlier, I immediately recognized that Andrew, although quieter than his sibling, possessed a respectful and reflective demeanor. As the school year progressed, his quick-witted humor and engaging personality emerged during class interactions and conversations with his high school lacrosse teammates. There was a light-hearted air surrounding Andrew and his teammates in my 8th period English class.

By the spring of his sophomore year, however, the carefree Andrew I had known underwent a profound change. When he received the heartbreaking news of his mother's cancer diagnosis, he was confronted with an adversity that few teens ever encounter. Throughout her battle with this terrible disease, Andrew matured rapidly, learning that the most important things in life are the time spent with loved ones and the strength drawn from one's faith.

In the midst of this hardship, Andrew remained steadfast in the faith his mother had helped instill in him. His resilience is evident in his continued dedication to his studies, his commitment on the lacrosse field, and even his initiative to run his own window and car detailing business while still in high school. Although the loss of his mother profoundly affected him, her spirit and the values she imparted now shine through in his daily life.

As Andrew continues his journey toward adulthood, he will undoubtedly encounter the typical challenges that all young adults face—whether it be the stress of college life or the anxieties of a first job. Yet, while cancer has left its mark on his life, it has not defeated him. Instead, his experience has instilled in him a remarkable fortitude, enabling him to confront obstacles with unwavering strength and grace. It is evident that he will continue to overcome life's challenges while honoring the memory of his mother whom he loved.

I wholeheartedly recommend Andrew for this scholarship. His resilience, compassion, and determination make him a deserving candidate who will no doubt make a positive impact in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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