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Re: Ms. Jamaya Pelcher

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter of support for Ms. Jamaya Pelcher. I have had the pleasure of knowing and mentoring Jamaya for almost 4 years in my capacity as an Educational Specialist for the Pre-College Upward Bound program at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In my time working with Jamaya, I have seen her develop into an exceptional leader with a profound commitment to service and academic excellence.

Ms. Pelcher was a dedicated and dependable Pre-College Upward Bound participant. Jamaya always communicated clearly with me and other staff members about her availability to attend our monthly workshops on UT campus. It was rare when she was not able to attend our events due to illness or for other reasons. I knew that I could always count on her to communicate with me. While in the program, she took upon herself to guide new students through the program and answer their questions. Jamaya also participated in our Summer Academy for at least two years in a row. This is a 6-week long summer academic camp that requires a significant time commitment during the time when most high school students enjoy their summer break.

Ms. Pelcher has set clear goals for her future. Jamaya's academic performance demonstrates a relentless desire to learn and a strong work ethic. She is pursuing a 4-year undergraduate degree, and her participation with Pre-College Upward Bound confirmed her commitment to this goal.

Over the years I have observed Jamaya cultivate resilience, independence, and a maturity beyond her years. I have no doubt that Jamaya will continue to achieve great things in college and beyond. She is a deserving candidate for any academic scholarship, and I recommend her without reservation.

Sincerely,

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