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MEMORANDUM

To: Whom It May Concern, Scholarship Division

From: Brenda I. Gill, Ph.D., Professor & Associate Dean, College of ^{BG} Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Alabama State University (ASU)

Date: June 20, 2025

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Mr. Samahdi Scott

Dear Scholarship Division Personnel:

This letter supports Mr. Samahdi Scott's application for consideration of the scholarship you offer. I was the professor for his Introduction to Sociology course, for which he excelled with a high A. Mr. Scott is a joy to have in a classroom. He is forward-thinking, well-prepared, articulate, and engaging, a team player, a great writer, and a student who aspires for greatness. I saw firsthand his dedication to high standards during his freshman year. For his first year of study here at ASU, he earned excellent grades for the courses he pursued. His courses included: Introduction to Sociology, World Geography, two General Biology courses, along with the Laboratory Lecture for each of these courses. He also completed English Composition I & II, Public Speaking, Finite Mathematics, Music Appreciation, and First Year Experience. For these courses, Samahdi achieved mostly A's and just 2 B's. This is indeed academic excellence!

This dedication to excellence is readily noted in the honors and awards he has earned. These include: The NCS Distinguished Scholar Athlete Award 2022-2024; Distinguished Student Award 2020-2024; Inclusive Community Leader 2023-2024; Varsity Football (4 years) Most Valuable Defensive Player 2024; Dean Peer Mentor Cohort Leader; Exceptional Mentor Award 2023-2024. At ASU, Mr. Scott made the Dean's List and has maintained his outstanding performance through his first year by achieving a grade point average (GPA) of 3.7.

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Noting all of Mr. Scott's aforementioned academic achievements, balanced by his athletic awards, gives me great confidence in recommending him for the scholarship he seeks. His characteristics, activities, experiences, accomplishments, and ambitions will propel him to excellent performance. As the Associate Dean and one of his most recent professors, I have first-hand knowledge of his abilities, attitudes, and academic prowess. Considering this, I unhesitatingly and strongly recommend Mr. Samahdi Scott for the scholarship(s) he seeks. I will gladly talk with you if additional information is helpful. You can call me: Cell at (904) 318-0497, Office at (334) 604-9182, or by e-mail at bgill@alasu.edu.