

Henry Smith

Counselor Letter

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I strongly recommend Henry Smith to you, both as a student and as an individual. As his parent and teacher, I have known Henry throughout his academic career and in a capacity that no one else does. Over the years, he has consistently demonstrated an insatiable desire to learn, an innate curiosity, and an genuine enthusiasm for his studies. Additionally, he has impressed me with his work ethic and committed responsibility to everything he takes on.

Henry is motivated to work hard, but he also isn't afraid to ask for help when needed, which adds to his integrity. He often takes initiative to go beyond what is expected of him, further pursuing the subjects he is passionate about outside the classroom and making the most of every new skill he acquires as a student to enrich his life and his studies. For instance, as a means of continuing to hone his writing skills last year, he decided to critically analyze classic films and submit essays to me which display both a high level of investment in the project and commendable analytical skills. Henry comes across as a quiet learner but is a deep thinker and possesses both the intellect and the drive that are crucial to higher education.

Henry's talents are visible not just in his academic work. Outside the classroom he is a committed and talented chess player and devotes many hours a day and countless hours on the weekend playing, competing, and mentoring in the world of chess. His mentoring, which is a fairly new undertaking of his, is where he shines. He has an innate ability to teach chess to young

players and to connect with these players in a way that one doesn't see to often. As one of the parents said to me recently, "Henry just has a way of working with these kids that makes them want to come back week after week. It's impressive to see that in someone so young."

In addition to the above, I have been particularly impressed that Henry has managed to handle the pressure of his many courses while simultaneously keeping up with his extracurricular activities and consistently seeing to his responsibilities. He is the oldest of four children and helps his siblings with homework in addition to driving them to their activities consistently as this is a single parent home. Henry works hard and takes on all of his responsibilities with determination. It is inspiring to me not only as a teacher but also as a parent.

In conclusion, Henry would be an asset and a joy to any college or university. He works hard, contributes to the community, and always strives to do his best.

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Thank you,

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