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Sofia Guest Reference

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To whom it may concern:

Sofia is definitely a role model handling herself with dignity and poise as she quietly goes about her business of giving back to her community. She is a gentle leader and is highly respected by her peers. Sofia is very committed to the giving back to her community and demonstrates it though her leadership and enthusiasm.

Watching Sofia grow up and become an amazing young lady while teaching her piano has been a great journey to witness. From grade one, Sofia was always there helping the teachers with projects, engaging youth in clubs such as her origami club and initiating projects such as mitten drives to help those in need. She won a video award through Safe and Caring Schools for an anti-bullying campaign and her origami club is an excellent example of Sofia putting her thoughts into action by giving the outsiders at lunch a place to feel included. Teaching at the school provided insight into how much Sofia cares and gives and how readily she offers to help make a difference.

As she grew and matured, she continued her drive to give back to her community. Sofia reminds me of the statement, "actions speak louder than words." She does not do things for recognition like many youth attempting to tick off boxes on her resume, she simply does things to help and make a difference or simply because it is the right thing to do. For several years, Sofia assisted with the St. Albert Community Carol Sing which is a free Christmas production collaboration with all of the local churches that supports our community and gives to our food bank. When my team approached Sofia, we could tell that she was hesitant as she does not like to be in the limelight, but she saw that she was needed and stepped on stage to help out and did a fabulous job.

Throughout junior high and now into high school Sofia has continued to thrive. She is very involved demonstrating leadership in her school with her active involvement in Student Council, Events committee and Social Justice. Even in high school, Sofia helps her teachers. She spent most of last year helping the new band teacher settle in by organizing all of her music which is no small task. Sofia was recognized not long ago with an award of distinction for her work within the city of St. Albert. She received the Leader of Tomorrow Award.

Youth Leadership

I've known Sofia for her whole school journey and have witnessed her both in her school and in her community and of all the students that I teach, I can honestly say that Sofia is deserving of a scholarship. She works hard, as I see every week with her piano progress and gives back, as I witness in our community.

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Please consider Sofia Guest as a scholarship recipient.

Sincerely

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