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LETTER OF REFERENCE
SOFIA GUEST

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To Whom It May Concern:

Over the last year I have had the privilege of getting to know Sofia through her involvement in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and Scouts Canada- both of which she has demonstrated exceptional character and leadership skills.

The highest achievement a youth can receive in Canada, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award requires participants to set their own goals in the areas of community service, skill development, physical fitness and outdoor adventure. Sofia was presented her Silver Award by Her Honour, Lois Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, just this past Spring, and is now working on her Gold level.

There are few people, especially at Sofia's age, who are motivated, and able to maintain, such a balance of activities. From music to sports, Sofia has committed to learning and playing trumpet, piano, basketball, and has now become a climbing instructor. She never loses sight of her community either; Sofia is always giving back to others, whether it's volunteering with the Mustard Seed, Santas Anonymous, Scouts Canada, the International Children's Festival, Edmonton Folk Festival, Rock Jungle Fitness Climbing Camps, Food bank drives, at school or as a Canada Day Ambassador. Sofia is also extremely passionate about the outdoors; she regularly goes hiking with her fellow Scouters and with her family. Recently, she went on a 3-day backpacking trip on the Skoki Trail in Banff, and is already actively planning a 5-day trip.

As I have gotten to know Sofia more, I have realized that she is not just a champion through all the activities she engages in, but is an outstanding person as a whole. She is driven, hardworking, passionate and most importantly- kind to others.

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We have been extremely proud to have Sofia as a participant and a representative of our Award program, and know that she will go on to a successful, bright future.

Sincerely,

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