



February 4th, 2026

Dear Scholarship Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Andrew Avina for consideration for your scholarship award. I have known Andrew since his freshman year, when he eagerly approached me about joining our school's Robotics Club, which I advise. He went on to excel in my Introduction to Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Computer Science A courses. In my capacity as his teacher and club advisor, I can attest to Andrew's upstanding character, academic prowess, and natural leadership ability. He has exceeded expectations on all accounts and stands among the most exceptional students I have taught in my career.

Andrew greets me each day with a smile and a handshake and exemplifies what it means to be a model student. He asks insightful questions, readily assists peers with debugging, and consistently produces exemplary work. One of his projects, *Kitchen Game 2: The Ratening*, was even recognized by Carnegie Mellon University in their annual student showcase. Andrew is gifted, uplifting, and has enough social grace to collaborate effectively with every team I've put him on. He is also resourceful, having supplemented his classroom learning with online coursework, including Harvard's CS50 and multiple classes from our local community college.

Andrew's extracurricular accomplishments are equally impressive. In his first year with Robotics Club, he took the initiative to organize our first annual Epic Game Night, which is still our most successful fundraiser to date. As a sophomore, he designed an Arduino-based sound effect module for a flight simulator at our local science museum. During his junior year, he was elected President of Robotics Club, where he led outreach efforts to recruit underrepresented students into STEM by hosting robotics competitions at nearby middle schools. All the while, he managed to balance these commitments with a part-time job, involvement in other clubs, and a demanding schedule filled with AP courses.

Based on Andrew's academic excellence, leadership, and community engagement, I offer my highest recommendation for his consideration for your scholarship. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like further insight into his achievements or character.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Russell".

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