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Tall Clubs International Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee:

I am pleased to recommend Layton Massie for the 2026 Tall Clubs International Foundation Scholarship. I have the unique privilege of knowing Layton both as a River View High School student and National Honor Society member, of which I am a co-advisor, and as a member of Magic Makers 4-H Club, where I volunteer as a project advisor.

Layton's membership in National Honor Society is due to his academic excellence, participation in school activities, and service to the community through volunteerism. During his membership, Layton has volunteered to assist with a variety of events, including school-sponsored Red Cross blood drives, screening days for incoming kindergarteners, and the district's Everybody Reads initiative. Additionally, Layton has served multiple times at the community Mobile Market, an opportunity for community members to receive fresh produce through a local partnership with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, where the NHS members assist with sorting and packaging the produce before loading it into the vehicles of those served through this initiative. No matter the age, background, or socioeconomic status of the people whom Layton is serving through his volunteerism, he is always present with a smile, respectful in his speech, and able to make people feel comfortable during his interactions with them.

As one of the senior members in our 4-H club, Layton is a leader and someone whom the younger members look up to, both physically and as a role model. Layton has worked to place American flags at the gravesites of veterans at the Darling Run cemetery during each year of his 4-H membership, honoring and recognizing those who have served our country. Additionally, he has been a counselor for both 4-H camp and Cloverbud camp for many years, working with a group of peers and adult staff to plan activities, supervise younger members, and manage daily routines. Layton has also served as a member of the Coshocton County Jr. Fairboard, where he has assisted with show management, answered questions for both fair exhibitors and fair visitors, and worked with peers and adult volunteers to execute an intricate set of plans to make the Jr. Fair operate as smoothly as possible. During his years of 4-H membership, Layton has been very successful in competition with his projects, qualifying multiple times to represent the county at the state level.

In my role as a teacher at RVHS, I have also seen Layton's involvement in many other school-based activities where he is able to serve our community, especially his membership in the Teen Leadership Corps, where he has volunteered numerous hours for both school and community events. Additionally, Layton is a valuable member of the soccer, basketball, and baseball teams, while also participating in Student Council and Letterman's Club. He is a likable, well-rounded, dedicated, hard-working young man with a sense of humor who is willing to serve those around him. I highly recommend Layton Massie as a recipient of this scholarship.

Sincerely,
Kecia Buxton

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