

To whom it may concern,

I am writing a letter of recommendation for Lucy Meteyer. She is applying for a Tall Clubs International Foundation scholarship. Simply put, there is no finer candidate than Lucy. The commentary to follow is a testimony to a young woman that embodies all that is good in people, and I am honored to have her in my classroom.

As a teacher I often talk about the habits that we practice each day, and that as adults I hope my students have created good habits that will carry them through the rest of their lives. I say this because Lucy is the example for others to follow, and she has learned these lessons years ago. Here are just a few of these habits that I am referencing. Lucy is always prepared. The moment she walks into class Lucy is ready to do whatever is asked of her. She genuinely is concerned about learning. She has taken full advantage of her education here at Adams and is always willing to take the extra step to learn more in my class. Lucy wants to do her best at everything she attempts. This drive is evident in her daily work as well as her tests. Finally, Lucy is great at interacting with others. She was always respectful of those in her class, and her care for fellow students is evident. Take notice that I did not mention intelligence. In my mind that is the icing on the cake. The fact that Lucy is so bright and earned honors while at Adams only serves as another example of what a great person she is today.

What you see from Lucy in the classroom is what you get anywhere in her life. For example, her commitment to excellence, and desire to be a part of something bigger than herself is clearly brought out through her dedication to volleyball at Adams. Lucy was a three-year varsity player and captain her Senior year. As you know, any serious dedication to a sport requires a tremendous amount of discipline and hard work. For Lucy to excel at volleyball with all her other responsibilities is quite an impressive feat. Lucy's commitment to service is also admirable. For example, she is the vice president of our student council and has volunteered her time in numerous ways. Being an active member in Students Advocate for Fentanyl Education and helping to organize school sports teams for students with special needs are great examples of her service. These pursuits are a reminder of Lucy's selfless attitude even at a young age. Her sense of community and eagerness to give of herself makes me think that Lucy will be a leader in her community no matter what career path she chooses.

I often think about the qualities that are most important for students to be "successful" in life. It may seem like a laundry list, however, it is an honest reflection of what I think are the most important qualities for a person to possess. These qualities include honesty, loyalty, dedication, confidence, passion, faith, caring, selflessness, and humility. I list these because I think that it is a great way to speak volumes about Lucy in a very concise manner. Lucy truly carries all of these qualities. I say this with the greatest amount of sincerity, and she will be sorely missed as she gets ready to move on to the next chapter of her life. I take comfort, though, that she is off to do great things. As Lucy does get ready for the next journey, please give her your full consideration. Lucy is a most deserving candidate for a TCIF scholarship, and she will represent your organization so well going forward.

Sincerely,

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