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To whomever may be reading:

It is my sincerest pleasure to offer a recommendation for Taylor Strange. As the principal of the Barren County High School, of which Taylor is a senior, I have known Taylor for four years and consider her to be a strong student with versatile talents and an even stronger work ethic.

To begin, Taylor's academic record speaks for itself. She is a member of our school's premier Early College Magnet School program, which requires students to take a minimum of four AP classes and all dual credit courses and honors courses during their high school career. While taking these demanding courses, she has maintained an unweighted 3.95 GPA. She is an accomplished exam taker scoring a 3 on both her AP Seminar exam and research project, and AP Research class, completing her AP Capstone Certificate. She has successfully completed several dual credit courses like CAD 100 & 200 with the Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College. Theater Appreciation and Chemistry 105/106 with Western Kentucky University to earn college credit hours. These details serve as evidence for Taylor's academic ability and work ethic.

In addition to being an excellent student, Taylor also has a very clear sense of her goals and has an ambition for a future in Pre-Law and Political Science. She plans to complete 4 years in a rigorous Pre-law course, then transfer to an accredited law school, where she will obtain her law school degree. While these courses will be very challenging, Taylor will use her strong work ethic and dynamic problem solving to concur any challenges. She also has noted to me she hopes to own and operate her own business one day. She has high aspirations for her professional life and will work to see these dreams fulfilled. Taylor also has a very prestigious background in Barren County's Engineering Department, specifically Architectural Design. In fact she has been so focused on the engineering field, that she has taken 11 engineering courses in high school (Intro to Architecture, Engineering Graphics, CAD 100, CAD 200, Architectural Design, Special Problems in CAD, Parametric Modeling, Robotics & Animation, and 3 Architecture Co-op Classes), in which she made an "A" in all of them. Taylor has recently passed her Certification test for her very complex architecture software: Revit. She has had an intense engineering and design education already that has created her to be well versed in her academic experiences. While Taylor has excelled in Architecture, she has experienced many leadership roles that have guided her decision from majoring in Architectural Design to Pre-Law and Political Science.

One of her best traits is her versatility. Taylor is in our Gifted and Talented program in the area of leadership. She was also named student of the month for leadership at the Barren County Area Technical Center. She is an exemplary leader and has completed multiple trainings in leadership such as LEVERAGE, hosted by SKILLSUSA national facilitators; State officer leadership training retreat, hosted by Kentucky SKILLSUSA state directors; KLTI- Kentucky Leadership Training Institute (where she facilitated leadership sessions); and WLTi- Washington Leadership Training Institute for SKILLSUSA, This was held in Washington D.C., where she spoke with Kentucky Representatives : James Comer , Brett Guthrie, and Molly Martin (legislative assistant) She advocated for Perkins funding for CTE programs in Kentucky schools.

Taylor has been in our school's nationally recognized Project Lead the Way engineering hard hat program, and in the Area Technology Center's Engineering program where she competes in SkillsUSA. She was named Kentucky State SkillsUSA President and received the Kentucky and National Statesman award, as well as first place in Architectural Drafting at the state conference. She then proceeded to compete at the national SkillsUSA level where she placed 33rd in the nation for Architectural Drafting. The competition is very tough at the state and national SkillsUSA level. She is a 4-year secretary in our school's SkillsUSA chapter and is involved in: Pep-Club, Green Team, and Every Monday Matters. While being involved in this, she also is currently the Senior Class Vice President. This is very exemplary of her leadership skills.

This spring I took Taylor on a field trip to the National Corvette Museum. This trip was for students who were in the Gifted and Talented Program for leadership. The volunteer tour guide was a retired Architectural Drafting teacher from a nearby school district. I was in awe as I listened to her tell him that she had designed a house plan for the local Habitat for Humanity Chapter and that it was being used to build a house for someone very deserving to be a first time homeowner. The retired teacher, now tour guide, was very impressed with her and all she had accomplished in such a short period of time as a high schooler.

Taylor's natural characteristic of communicating effectively and being a productive leader, is vital to her future career in Law. Taylor has a high interest in politics and is known to excel in her AP Government and politics class. Her AP Government teacher has informed me of her excellent skills in knowledgeable topics regarding history, law, and American politics. Taylor has close relations to local and state government officials, who have helped guide her through her leadership roles and continue to support her.

Lastly, I feel honored to offer this recommendation for Taylor because she is such a likable, well-rounded, outgoing person. She is dependable in tasks that require leadership and teamwork. Academic records and accolades can be seen on transcripts, but her genuine personality can only be observed. I can assure you that she will give 110% work ethic, show initiative and is the type of student who can handle challenges and get along with anyone in any circumstance.

*Should you require additional information, I would be more than happy to comply. Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,*



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