

## Barren County **Early College Magnet** High School

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is my sincere pleasure to offer a letter of recommendation for Miss Taylor Strange. I have known Taylor for three years and have had the honor of working as her classroom teacher as well as her Magnet Principal and Counselor. In the time that I have known her, Taylor has proven to be a strong student who is highly involved in various extracurricular activities and organizations. She certainly has a bright future ahead.

To begin, Taylor has an impressive academic record. She is a member of the BCHS Early College Magnet Program, which is designed to promote academic excellence among high school students. Magnet students are required to take all honors-level or higher courses, complete two years of foreign language instruction and take at least four Advanced Placement (AP) courses in high school. Magnet students must also maintain a 3.25 minimum grade point average. Taylor has exceeded these expectations. She has a 3.95 GPA and will have completed six AP classes by the time she graduates. Most impressive of these is the fact that Taylor has completed the highly rigorous AP Capstone program, which is a two- year program that requires students to take both AP Seminar and AP Research. These courses are designed to teach college-level research and writing skills. The second year, AP Research, requires students to engage in a year-long research project in which they develop an authentic research method to gather new information in a chosen field of study. The work completed in that class is equivalent to master's level coursework. I was honored to serve as Taylor's teacher in both courses, and I am proud to say that she earned college credit in both classes. As such, she has earned the AP Capstone Certificate. In addition to her AP coursework, Taylor has completed various Dual Credit classes to earn additional college credit. She is also taking advanced classes in her chosen pathway and is currently enrolled in an Architectural Design co-op to earn skills in her future career.

In addition to being a strong student, Taylor is also a leader who is highly involved in various clubs and extracurricular organizations. Most notably is Taylor's involvement in SkillsUSA, a club that promotes

involvement in skilled trades. Taylor holds a state office in that organization and serves as an ambassador for the club throughout the state of Kentucky. She is also a Senior Class Officer and member of the Student Council. These roles help to reinforce the fact that Taylor has been designated as "Gifted and Talented" in the area of leadership. She is also a member of the Pep Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Green Team and Every Monday Matters clubs. She is a former basketball player as well. Her participation in these various organizations has allowed Taylor to amass an impressive list of awards and honors that were earned in local, regional, state and even national competitions and conferences. Additionally, Taylor has used her time outside of school to develop employment skills through after school and summer jobs at the Glasgow City Pool, YMCA and Jellystone State Parks.

Lastly, I would like to mention a few personal characteristics that show the quality of person that Taylor has become. She is a kind and considerate person who gets along well with others. She has positive relationships with her peers and is also respectful to adults and figures of authority. She displays maturity and dependability and always looks for ways to get involved. She also gets excited about events and throws herself into everything she does. For example, she is very active in our Pep Club and student section at ballgames. Each game typically has a "theme" where students dress up to show their school spirit. Taylor's costumes are always the most elaborate, which shows her intense pride for our school. I love that about her.

Given her academic record and involvement in extracurricular activities, I know that Taylor has a bright future ahead. I am confident that she will do great things once she begins to prepare for her career. Should your committee require any additional information regarding my recommendation, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jesoica Oyer

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