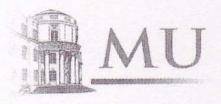
SAMPLE UDALL SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION





November xx, 20xx

Letter of Support for Janet Lerner's Application for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship

I first encountered Janet Lerner three years ago as a student in my freshman-level class in rhetoric and composition. In this class, Janet distinguished herself as a skillful writer, a hard worker, and a sensitive, caring individual. Among other reasons, she stood out for me in this group of students because she was one of only two students to receive an A.

My relationship with Janet has grown significantly in the last two years, and my admiration for her has deepened even further. As I consider the types of academic projects in which Janet has involved herself—from her work in a sediment sampling lab to her active participation in a specialized class in which she is studying coral reef demise—I am genuinely impressed by her motivation and clarity of vision for her future. Janet is not one to take courses or work with professors simply to make herself look good on paper; she genuinely follows her mind and heart in her academic choices.

Most importantly, I think highly of Janet as a writer. She is without a doubt a promising undergraduate science writer. Again, led by her own initiative and vision, Janet has consistently tackled demanding writing projects, from helping with the editing of a professor's textbook to writing a script for a short television documentary, which will be produced and filmed by her professor this spring. As I'm sure you will note in her application materials, Janet is—especially for her age—a true stylist, and she will bring her respect and ability for both written and verbal expression to all of her work. She has spoken with me of a goal to become a scientist writer, and I am convinced of her ability to do so.

Lastly, let me assure you of Janet's integrity and character. She is a person of discernment, intelligence, sensitivity, optimism, energy, and humility. She possesses a wealth of virtues that, in my opinion, make her highly deserving of a Udall Scholarship. Please do give her every consideration. If needed, I would be happy to provide further detail.

Sincerely,

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