

SAMPLE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION



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Letter of Recommendation for John Lerner for the Rhodes Scholarship

It is with pleasure that I recommend to you John Lerner for the Rhodes Scholarship. Although I have known Mr. Lerner for a relatively short time, I feel that I have come to know him quite well through the work he has done on a variety of projects that originate in my office of Undergraduate Studies. In particular, I have seen him in his capacity as President of the Liberal Arts Undergraduate Student Council and in the organizational work he did with the Liberal Arts Career Fair. In addition, I have spoken to a number of my staff members who have worked closely with Mr. Lerner and who have nothing but the highest praise for him. All who know him consider him to be a remarkable young man who combines a high level of intellect with outstanding leadership abilities.

Mr. Lerner's intellect and hard work are clearly demonstrated by his perfect 4.0 grade point average. Given the grading system here at Mythic University (where A-minuses are possible and the university-wide average GPA is below a 2.6), receiving all "A" grades is in itself a great accomplishment. In Mr. Lerner's case, however, such a record reflects not only his dedication to his studies but also the depth of his commitment. He is a reflective, analytical young man who readily accepts challenges. The fact that he has already been chosen as a Teaching Assistant in a political science course demonstrates his intelligence and his ability to work with others in a constructive and challenging manner. The faculty members with whom I have spoken have nothing but praise for his abilities, his conscientiousness, and his positive attitude towards everything he undertakes.

Perhaps one of the most interesting aspects of Mr. Lerner is his farming background and the fact that he had managed to pay his own way to get an education. The work on his parents' farm has given him a perspective on hard work, ethics, and life that few students possess. In working with him, one immediately senses that "his values are in the right place." This background, in addition to his year in Germany and his many co-curricular activities, have helped shape his intellect and his attitudes. He has an amazing sense of responsibility, he interacts extremely well with his peers as well as with people in authority, and he can always be counted upon to carry out tasks to their fullest. In my contact with him in his role as President of the Liberal Arts Student Council, I have particularly noted his ability to delegate while always making absolutely certain that assigned responsibilities are indeed fulfilled. He sees projects through to the end and he does not hesitate to take on some of the more onerous tasks himself. This is one of the major reasons why he has gained my respect and that of my staff members. He is insightful, he has excellent judgment, and

he has the humility not to set himself above others (even if, at times, this is, in fact, true). Everyone who has worked with him not only likes him immensely but also respects him as a peer. Sometimes it is difficult to remember that he *is* still a student rather than someone with a great deal more life experience.

Mr. Lerner's many interests (music, international politics, agriculture), his international experience (his year in Germany and travel to other countries), his co-curricular activities, and, above all, his intellectual accomplishments make him an outstanding candidate for the Rhodes Scholarship.

I give him my unqualified and most enthusiastic recommendation. Please contact me if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely yours,

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