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To Aspen Fast Forward Scholarship Nomination Committee:

I am delighted to provide a letter of recommendation for Kaycee Womack for the Aspen Fast Forward Scholarship. I have known Kaycee as her college preparatory reading and English instructor at Yampah Mountain High School for the last three years.

Kaycee is an ideal candidate for this award based on four components: her work ethic, her attitude and integrity, her forthcoming educational pursuits and her eligibility.

Kaycee is a current student in my college preparatory reading class, which requires an active amount of motivation and discipline. Kaycee's attendance and perpetual positive attitude towards completing rote tasks, such as vocabulary development and lengthy readings, can be monotonous. Her presence and attitude in this class is a model for other students to emulate: hard working, consistent, and thoughtful. In addition, Kaycee has a personable disposition, a constant smile, a wonderful laugh and the ability to inspire others through her reading recommendations. Kaycee introduced reading short plays to our class following a small read we had done in a previous year.

I am aware of Kaycee's veterinarian technician pursuits, as her love of humans and animals is evident in the classroom and beyond. In this light, Kaycee is mature beyond her years. In addition to her volunteerism at a local animal shelter, she has been a consistent caregiver for her newborn nephew for the past two and a half years and has embraced that role while thoughtfully managing her life as a teenager, student and friend. There were many mornings when Kaycee came in after a long night up with her nephew, and, yet, her attendance, work ethic and kindness never suffered. I found this to be an admirable quality, as well as one of personal strength.

There is no doubt that Kaycee is economically eligible for this scholarship. Kaycee comes from a wonderful family and both of her parents are in modest-paying jobs. Kaycee has had some part-time jobs to pay for some of her direct needs and she has willingly done this to help out her family. Needless to say, her means for financing her education are limited.

Your decision to select Kaycee Womack for this scholarship is certain to give this young woman a chance to make her dream of becoming a vet tech realistic and I am confident that she will work as diligently as she has during her time here at Yampah Mountain High school. This is a low-risk decision with a high-yield student. Please contact me

with any further questions at 970-456-2769.

Sincerely,

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