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To Whom It May Concern:

With this letter I recommend Mr. Robert Wilson to you for your consideration as a scholarship/financial aid recipient. I have known Robert for about a year, during which time we've had several occasions to talk about his schoolwork, his contributions to our community and his plans. It is on this basis I can recommend him to you highly.

Although Robert is on a nursing track, he has also taken courses in my area of supervision, the language arts. In our conversations it has become apparent that Robert likes to write and has skill in writing. That he can do well in the sciences that lead to the nursing program, and also in the English courses that are required of all our transfer bound students, suggests that he has the kind of intellectual and personal balance that could serve him and his future patients well. In all his work, he appears enthused. His studies obviously engage him, and he realizes and thus values the horizons that his education opens for him.

Additionally, Robert's contributions to our community are significant and reveal his capacity for service. That he puts in long hours as the Associated Student Body President is a tribute to his willingness to devote himself to the service of others. Whether it is in promoting the Secret Santa Program (a program that gathers gifts for needy families) or raising funds for a service learning project in the third world, Robert is an unflagging volunteer who puts the good of the community before his own personal interests.

As a returning, adult student, Robert has his sights set on receiving a Master's degree in Nursing. The clarity of his vision and his dedication to service leave me know doubt that he will achieve his goals. That he has three children and must take out loans to attend school will not deter him from his goal. Rather, such things may increase our estimation of his character. Hopefully you will be as enthused as I am about Robert's opportunity for success. Thus I encourage you to support him however you may be able.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

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Dean, Language Arts and Social Sciences

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