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Dear Flyin Ryan Hawks Foundation,

It is my pleasure to recommend Alisha Isensee as a recipient of the Flyin Ryan Adventure Scholarship. I have known Alisha professionally and as a friend for over two years, and am continuously impressed by her outstanding character, adventurous spirit, and resolve.

I first witnessed Alisha's passion for the outdoors while serving as her supervisor in the summer of 2016 at Holden Village, a retreat center in a remote valley of the North Cascades Mountains. As the Hike Haus Assistant Alisha worked to equip visitors with trail information, backpacking gear, and outdoor skills. She demonstrated self-sufficiency through an excellent work ethic, while holding an exceptional spirit of humility and a desire to learn.

Alisha exceeded expectations by hiking the majority of our trails and backcountry routes in order to provide expert and firsthand counsel to visitors. She also diligently studied local natural history to deliver educational sessions for guests- a task above and beyond what was asked of her. Through the season Alisha would often invite peers and community members to join in her adventures, affirming individuals of diverse backgrounds that the wilderness was theirs as well. Alisha's ability to vision and meet her goals is distinct, and dramatically improved the reach of our work that summer.

I recommend Alisha with full enthusiasm, and with no reservations. Her thirst for adventure paired with a spirit of follow-through, curiosity, and authenticity, make her an exceptional candidate for the Flyin Ryan Adventure Scholarship.

Sincerely,

Travis D. Houle