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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to recommend Elijah Derrick for the Flyin' Ryan Adventure Scholarship. Eli was in my Algebra 2 class in the fall of 2018 and I was very impressed with what I saw from him. Eli was one of my hardest working students and always took pride in his work. He studied, turned in assignments complete and on time, and performed well on tests and projects. The class was more than a grade for Eli; he wanted to learn and master the concepts. He was always willing to ask questions for clarification. Eli had obstacles to overcome and was not afraid to work hard to do that. When he decided to go to ski school to pursue his dream, he had to finish several courses a week early. He worked hard and made sacrifices to finish strong with all A's and B's.

Even beyond his admirable work ethic, what impressed me the most was his consistently positive attitude. Every day, without fail, he would greet me and ask how I was doing when he came to class. He was always smiling and approached whatever activity we were doing that day with enthusiasm. We had a wide variety of personalities in the class, and Eli got along well with all of them. He was always willing to work with any student in class. His positivity was contagious and always lifted the mood. I really appreciated how encouraging he was to the students around him and also to myself.

It was so fun to watch Eli challenge himself when he went to ski school at the of the semester. Occasionally, I would get to Facetime with him via his friends and see how he was doing. The experience was out of his comfort zone away from family and friends, but he still maintained his positive attitude and embraced every opportunity. I fully expect him to bring the same level of enthusiasm to the opportunities afforded to him by the Flyin' Ryan Foundation. He will be a fantastic addition to your scholarship program and will pour everything he has into developing his craft of skiing as well as growing into a respectable and passionate young man.

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Elijah Derrick for the Flyin' Ryan Adventure Scholarship. If you have other questions for me or would like any other information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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