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Dear Flyin Ryan Staff,

I am honored and excited to be writing a letter of recommendation for the one and only Annie Citrine. This past summer I worked as her Crew Leader on the farm at the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps and we were so lucky to have her. Annie is a welcoming, funny, hard working, curious, and open minded individual with an amazing drive and passion for spending time in the outdoors and bringing others along with her. She would come back from weekends telling stories about taking her friend backpacking for the first time and how she loved seeing their confidence and skill sets grow from their experience. It was always awe-inspiring to see her finding the energy to get out there and keep herself moving and excited to explore new places after a long week of doing hard manual labor outside in all weather conditions.

Annie was not only chasing opportunities outside of work, she was fully realizing them on the farm as well. Working on a farm, there's plenty of time to have some crazy conversations with your fellow farmers while transplanting or weeding. She was always up for an in depth discussion or some plain old goofing around, sometimes making it happen all at once and always making everyone feel like they were a part of the conversation in the meantime. She was hard working and a team player, always stepping up to the plate when we were in need of someone to do some maybe not-so-fun tasks. I am so fortunate to have met and gotten to know Annie and I am so excited to see where she goes next. I am so excited for her to be leading young women in the backcountry because I know that she will be an exemplary and empowering role model and leader; showing whoever is lucky enough to be led by her that they are capable of amazing things.

Thank you for considering Annie for the Flyin Ryan Hawke's Foundation Adventure Scholarship. I would be happy to answer any further questions you may have. Feel free to contact me by email. Thanks again!

Sincerely, Grace

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