

February 26, 2021
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write this letter in support of Gabe Andrus' application for the Flyin Ryan Hawks Foundation Adventure Scholarship program. I had the pleasure of coaching Gabe in our nordic ski program starting in middle school in 2013 and culminating with his senior year in 2020. His passion for the sport, love of the outdoors, natural ability to mentor younger athletes and his own high personal expectations all contributed to his success within our program and ability to lead and inspire his fellow teammates.

Gabe developed as a nordic skier from a young kid who simply wanted to play on skis out in the woods, to a competitive and accomplished racer by his senior year. He worked through learning about himself as a competitor and used that growth to set goals and work hard to achieve them. He needed to learn that it was ok to give himself a break while simultaneously reaching for excellence. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching Gabe, discussing technique, racing strategies and helping him to set productive personal goals.

Gabe has always been an avid outdoor enthusiast, always excited to explore, adventure and spend time in nature. He is a natural leader for younger kids, making an invaluable team leader, teacher and mentor. His passion for the outdoors is clear and contagious to all who spend time with him. Those who are with him benefit from his sweet and caring personality and drive to get things done and keep moving. He has many options and talents to pursue, but I hope that somewhere in his future he will consider working with youth in outdoor programming.

As a budding adventure filmmaker/photographer, Gabe is eager to capture the natural world around him and share his experiences with others. I am impressed with his artistic development over the years and growing ability to tell a story through photos and film. I am truly excited to witness the current project he is pursuing take shape and grow into a final product!

I am certain that Gabe will continue to do great things in the outdoors, strive for perfection and reach for high goals in his future. His fun loving personality, passion for

adventure and ambition to achieve demonstrates a person who is goal oriented and willing to work hard to go places. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at: cknorthcott@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Kate Northcott