

To whom it may concern,

This past year I got to know Finn Kavanaugh as an excellent skier, and an excellent person. I was lucky enough to be able to be one of his main coaches for Team Summit Colorado and saw outstanding things competitively and personally. Finn always made sure everyone felt included in whatever activity we were partaking in, and would not only push the limits of himself, but of his teammates as well. For example, his propensity for inclusivity shined brightly when, one particular lunch one of the other younger athletes was having a rough day and had separated themselves from the group early to head in. Instead of leaving a clearly frustrated teammate to mope by themselves, Finn went out of his way to rally the rest of the group behind them at lunch. He made sure everybody in the group sat down at the table with him and his frustrated teammate, and by the end of the lunch everybody was in jovial spirits, and we went out and crushed the afternoon.

Finn not only takes initiative in regard to his teammates and friends, but he also showed me great determination with his own skiing. One of the first things he mentioned to me when I met him was that he wanted to land a backflip on snow this past year. He showed me videos of him doing it on the tramp and unsuccessful attempts on snow, so we worked on it in the Woodward barn for a couple of sessions, and by January he was chomping at the bit to try it on snow again. He was so determined to stick this trick to his feet that the only thing that could've stopped him was if an earthquake took out the jump. Of course, he landed it first try, and instead of being satisfied, right after he landed it, he told me he wanted to do a flat 3 on snow. Sure enough, come March, I saw that same look in his eye and first try he came right around to his feet.

Finn's determination towards improvement of himself and his teammates are exactly why he is deserving of any scholarship opportunities. I am blessed that I get to coach him on a regular basis and cannot wait to see what he has in store for this upcoming season.

Sincerely,

James Crone

Team Summit Colorado, Big Mountain Coach

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jennifer Winneker and I am writing this letter on behalf of Finn Kavanaugh. Finn was a student in my Integrated Science class at Arvada West High School last year. As his teacher I have had the privilege of witnessing his growth, dedication, and exceptional qualities firsthand.

Throughout his time in my classroom, Finn consistently displayed a strong work ethic and a genuine passion for learning. He is a truly hardworking individual who approaches every task with determination. Whether it was tackling complex science labs or crafting thoughtful claims supported by evidence, Finn always put in the extra effort to understand the concepts at a deeper level, rather than merely striving for a good grade.

What truly sets Finn apart, however, is his honest and genuine personality. He is a respectful and considerate student, always treating his classmates and teachers with kindness and empathy. He always reached out to include students who are not as outgoing and a little more shy when working in groups or partners. Finn has the remarkable ability to connect with others and make them feel like a valuable member of a team.

Based on my experience as an educator I can confidently say that Finn is one of the most enjoyable students I have had the pleasure of teaching. His work ethic, responsible nature, and outstanding personality make him an ideal candidate for this scholarship opportunity. I wholeheartedly recommend Finn Kavanaugh for this scholarship and believe that he will continue to display all of the qualities I have mentioned to make a positive impact on the world around him.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you require further information or have any questions regarding Finn's qualifications. Thank you for considering his application.

Sincerely,

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