Dear Eagle Board of Review:

I am honored to be able to provide this recommendation for Jimmy Johnson, who’s been a student of mind here at Belleview High for the past 2 years. It is evident that this young man has learned a great deal from the Boy Scouts of America and it is my belief that he exhibits the qualities and leadership of an Eagle Scout on a daily basis. His integrity and his overall kindness should be an example to us all.

I have had the distinct pleasure of having Jimmy in both of my History classes the past 2 years. Both years he brought to class an infectiously positive curiosity which would often result in hugely educational debates between students. While these arguments on morality often derail when they occur among teenagers (and adults alike for that matter), Jimmy could mediate them so effectively, with such kindness and respect for opposing perspectives, that I was often able to sit back and watch as my students learned from each other. It was truly a joy teaching this admirable young man.

It became apparent, within the first week of class, that Jimmy was a Boy Scout, and an exemplary one at that. He regularly helped a young disabled student of mine with his work after his own was completed, even going as far as to draw up queue cards. He always offered to help after class with any clean up, or was the first to help hand out quizzes and papers when necessary. When other students would tease him for behaving obsequiously, he would simply proceed with a quiet confidence that I witnessed slowly inspiring many other students to do the same.

Aside from his obvious intelligence and discipline as a student, Jimmy is an extraordinarily kind, respectful, and helpful boy who undoubtedly holds the qualities of an Eagle Scout. It is without hesitation that I can give this recommendation letter and I look forward to seeing this young man continue to make a positive impact on the community.

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