To whomsoever it may concern:

As a Project lead, I have been closely associated with Akshay Mahendar in mentoring him on various technical projects for the past 3 years. He is a dynamic, responsible, and committed employee who has made commendable contributions to the success of our Client financials team. He is a cut above the rest and has great future potential. I still remember working with him on a major project called "Account Detail" which is used by many Fa's of the bank. He not only completed the project on time but being proactive he also used new concepts for restructuring the UI of the project, which was appreciated largely by the team.

The most challenging part of a banking and investment firm like Bank of America is convincing their clients and business partners on the project you developed, matches the given requirements, where Akshay is professional. He firmly understands the requirements without any much effort and accomplishes the given task making the business confident in getting the work done with accuracy and well before time.

He has received a couple of silver awards in 2016, for his immense talent and ability to proactively take up the task and put full effort to accomplish it. He has also been rewarded with the Gold award in 2017, for leading the team from offshore in a project called 'BIS-Billing', where he has not only completed the project on time but also was appreciated by the business partners.

I very much agree with his decisions to pursue graduate studies and strongly recommend him for admission to your university. I am quite confident of his potential and hope that he would have opportunities to study and contribute to the development and reputation of your school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions regarding Akshay's application

Sincerely,

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