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Dear Scholarship Committee,

I have known Alycia Williams-McSween for 3 years as a student and employee of Dufferin Peel Catholic District School board. It is an honour to write on behalf of this charismatic young woman. Alycia's motivation and drive is a testament to her exceptional character.

Last year Alycia was interviewed and filmed for a project on Anti-Racism in Education, which was viewed by every school in Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. Within this project Alycia asserted herself with great confidence and expressed her beliefs in a powerful passionate way. This project helped to initiate change within English curriculum throughout the Board. Alycia has a strong sense of conviction, she continuously strives to learn about and defend equity and anti-racism.

As an employee Alycia worked at the Focus on Youth Camp. This camp is dedicated to building the community in the Malton region through the urban arts, sports and education. The camp provided leadership programming that focused on increasing a myriad of skills through the disciplines of music, visual arts, poetry, sports and dance. Focus on Youth camp worked with students on creating a positive and reflective self-image while having fun using arts-based and sports-based tools of education. The camp engaged and empowered youth through artistic expression to be role models and leaders in their community. While learning about the arts, participants also learned how to become leaders and role models by sharing their unique voices and vision with the broader community. Alycia promoted the arts programming with great enthusiasm. During this experience Alycia demonstrated a willingness to accept multiple responsibilities. She applied herself to this position with great confidence, dependability and a high level of commitment. She built strong relationships with colleagues and made the campers aware of acceptable behavior while always being accommodating and courteous.

Alycia establishes relationships with kindness, compassion and respect. Alycia strives to see the positivity and good in every situation. She sees beauty in everything and everyone. I have no hesitation in recommending her and I hope that the committee will consider Alycia for this scholarship. Alycia gives me a great sense of hope for the future please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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