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To whom it may concern,

This is a reference letter to speak to Brittanique's character and how much she embodies the essence of the Carmen Anderson Perseverance Scholarship that she is applying for. Tenacity and strength are key factors in determining those who should be awarded this scholarship and Brittanique lacks neither. Brittanique's assertiveness and desire to do well brought her to discover this scholarship and I would like to outline several reasons why she should be considered, in addition to her personal statement, for this scholarship.

While Brittanique has detailed the experiences she has had in her personal life, I've had the privilege of working alongside her in the capacity of youth leader at Toronto West Seventh-day Adventist Church. Though the church is located at the corner of Martingrove and Albion in Rexdale, there have been many outreach activities that took place within the Peel district due to the large population of the youth that attend the church, and reside in the Peel area. As a youth leader, I have had the opportunity to establish and maintain personal relationships with a few of the youth that were in my care. Brittanique is a young woman who I have watched blossom to persevere regardless of life's adversities. She has led in leadership capacities by influencing teenagers and young adults alike, in ways that even the individual who is least religious could admire. Regardless of her personal life, Brittanique has always been dependable and made it a point of duty to connect with those whom she was trusted to lead. She exhibited love, kindness, and charity amongst other qualities that made her successful as a youth leader in training and eventual youth leader.

Outside of her leadership role, she has shown strides personally by overcoming social anxiety and stepping outside of her comfort zone in order to seize public speaking opportunities. She has led several conferences and has been a singing evangelist countless times. Her gift of song often was used as an outlet for her to reach others and served as therapy for herself.

As someone who is a first-generation Jamaican, watching Brittanique take on generational firsts - such as being the first to attend post-secondary school in her immediate family, goes without saying the amount of pressure this young lady has faced. She has forged her way through adversities and continuously seizes opportunities to grow personally and professionally. If my understanding of this award is correct, it should be awarded to an individual who has contributed to their community, who has shown perseverance in the face of adversity, who is an overcomer and who will add to the legacy of Carmen Anderson then you have that in Brittanique Honeyghan. I proudly endorse her and would like to thank you for your consideration of her application.

Best Regards,

Lavern Rowe