

Monday, June 27, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Esther Otieno as a candidate for DCCBA Black Excellence Scholarship.

I had the pleasure of knowing Esther as a student at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School for the past four years. During this time, she has displayed many strengths which, in my opinion, makes her an exemplary candidate for this award. I am the Teacher-Librarian at Robert F. Hall and, as such, came to know Esther as a strong student. I have also been the Teacher-Advisor to Esther on the Hall Student Council for the last three years. This year Esther was the Prime Minister of the Robert F. Hall Student Council.

Esther works closely with staff and students at Student Council events. These school events include our annual Terry Fox Run, annual Spirit Weeks, a variety show, and special events around Halloween, Christmas, and end-of-year celebrations. Esther's involvement in these activities has included creative planning, announcements, written work and overall organization. She also leads all meetings and hosts many school events.

Esther is a very hardworking and dedicated individual who is committed to excellence in her performance. Her work ethic makes her a strong candidate for this award. Her work reflects intelligence, team work and attention to detail. She has also maintained an overall average of 94% and a place on the Honour Roll for the last four years.

Esther is a self-starter who approaches any task with willingness and co-operation. Besides student council, Esther's involvement at school has also included a leader on our Student Book Club for four years, as well as a founding member of the Women's Empowerment Club and Mindfulness Matters, a program where senior students mentor incoming 9th graders. Esther shows a genuine interest in the needs of others, while at the same time challenging others to be innovative and creative. She communicates effectively both on paper and verbally.

Esther's friendly manner, sense of humor and positive attitude are reflected in her interactions with students, staff, the school and local community. Outside of school, she volunteers at the Shelburne Community Food Bank and local long-term care facilities.

I thoroughly enjoy working with Esther on the Student Council. Her energy and enthusiasm have a positive influence on those around her. I hope you will consider Esther for this scholarship. She is a wonderful student who I am certain will reflect positively on this award.

Sincerely,



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