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Dear Sultan Education Foundation:

My name is Brandi Varnell, RN and it is my pleasure to write to you with professional and academic recommendation for applicant Paetyn Schlicker and her application for Sultan Education Foundation Scholarship. Paetyn is a highly successful senior in the Health Science programs at Sultan High School, graduating in June of 2024. This is her fourth consecutive year of study in Health Sciences at Sultan High School, following a path of increasingly complex rigor and subject matter including Anatomy and Physiology, Exercise Science, Disease, Illness and Injury Recognition and Prevention and Clinical Skills Practice in our Advanced Sports Medicine Program. It is my absolute pleasure to work with her for a fourth year. Paetyn shows drive, self-discipline, and outstanding comprehension of complex medical and biological theory. She is an empathetic leader and has a passion for public health and public service. She is one of the most mature and organized students I have ever had the pleasure of working with, and consistently performs academically at the top of her class.

Paetyn is a gentle mature leader in the Health Science programs at SHS, serving as the SHS *HOSA-Future Health Professionals* Chapter President for two consecutive years. Her leadership efforts are unmatched. She has successfully led our HOSA chapter to complete multiple successful community service projects over the course of her presidency; Three successful Coat Drives to serve our local community food bank, Community and School Staff/Student Blood Typing Days, Community and School based Blood Drives, and she was the fundamental driving force behind fundraising efforts that raised $23K to purchase an Anatomage Table to enhance health science curriculum and student engagement in health science learning at Sultan High School. She is part of a State placing Health Education team, where she and three of her peers planned and executed targeted peer to peer classroom teaching and outreach to address the growing number of middle school students who are using nicotine products and vaping in our community and is also a part of Sultan’s first National Qualifying Anatomy Team, placing sixth in the Nation in 2023. She has earned a second position on the National Anatomy Team who will compete in June 2024.Her clinical leadership is outstanding. She has been the recipient of the SHS “Golden Stethoscope” award for serving the most volunteer clinical experience hours and providing outstanding mentorship to younger students—for two years in a row.

Paetyn is an enthusiastic learner with a natural ability to balance a very busy academic schedule with her athletic participation schedule. As such, she focuses fully while in class, and focuses fully on her other commitments to athletics by planning well. She is well liked and respected by her peers and has an innate ability to make all students feel welcome in many different settings from the health science classroom, to SHS ASB, to the volleyball court, to the softball field where she is now serves as Captain. She exemplifies the qualities of a future healthcare leader—and leads with a service focused heart. I know without a doubt, Paetyn will make good use of scholarship funds, as she has been accepted to the University of Washington and plans to pursue a career as a Physician. Please consider her application with my absolute and wholehearted recommendation. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions at all. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

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