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To The Admissions Office,

It is my pleasure to recommend Daniel Thomas for your scholarship program. Over the past few years, I have had the privilege of witnessing Daniel grow into a positive, reflective, and social individual who combines tenacity with a strong sense of character, balancing his career in golf with his academics riddled with AP courses.

Daniel is not the kind of person who relies solely on natural ability; rather, he embodies the values of hard work, grit, and resilience. In my AP World History class, Daniel demonstrated a consistent commitment to growth, even when the material was challenging. He approached the development of skills with a positive mindset, viewing them not as skills beyond his reach, but as opportunities to learn and improve. His willingness to reflect on his progress and seek feedback made him a stand-out student of mine during these last few years.

Beyond academics, Daniel has an uncanny ability to connect with others. As a dedicated golfer, Daniel has shown incredible discipline and commitment to improving his skills while maintaining his focus on academics. What truly sets Daniel apart is his capacity for personal growth. Over the years, I have seen him mature into a reflective and empathetic individual who not only strives for his own success but also encourages those around him to achieve their best. His positivity and genuine enthusiasm make him a joy to teach, while his determination and character leave a lasting impression on everyone he meets.

In short, Daniel is a well-rounded individual whose dedication, positivity, and interpersonal skills will allow him to excel at the collegiate level and beyond, both as a scholar and as an athlete. He is not just pursuing a goal; he is building a future defined by purpose and hard work.

I wholeheartedly recommend Daniel for your scholarship program. Thank you for considering this outstanding individual who has the potential to make a meaningful impact both on and off the golf course.

Best wishes, Emmett Burnton AP World History Teacher Rio Salado Adjunct Lecturer