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To whom it may concern,

It is my immense pleasure to be recommending Eugene Oh for the Michael C. Rothberg Scholarship. As a close friend of the Oh family and not an employer or mentor, I haven't had the chance to measure firsthand Eugene's workplace or academic talents. Yet I have been present for all of Eugene's life challenges and changes, from the energetic toddler to the astoundingly focused and mature young adult he is today. Eugene, through babysitting, mentoring, and countless favors he has undertaken, has always been a constant presence in the lives of, and a role model for, my children (age 17 and 15, also attending Sharon High School). I can testify to his consistent character, all throughout his life, and the example he has set in the greater Sharon community.

Even as a young boy, Eugene had a truly rare awareness of the world and a passion for discovery. Refusing to be put into a box, he insisted to his parents to try everything--on a visit to the Oh home, I could find him sightreading for the cello or the saxophone, memorizing ancient Latin hymns, absorbed in his books or his watercolors, examining his backstroke in the mirror before swim practice. Families in our circle were surprised and awed by his genuine initiative in everywhere from the athletics to the arts, and our younger kids began to flock to the studios, summer programs, instruments, and clubs that Eugene pronounced tried and true. Eugene was calm, patient, and a willing counsellor to all who all who asked him for advice--with his encouragement, my own children gathered the courage to dive into swimming, violin, and studio art, which has led them to regional awards and lifetime commitments.

As a young adult moving into high school, Eugene began to concentrate his full energy into his studies, and remained a figure much admired and emulated by all of us around him. Parents and kids alike were truly awed especially as he dealt with a series of serious sports injuries that should have limited his athletic and academic involvement--yet he worked tirelessly through them, dictating his essays and homework when he couldn't type, and throwing himself into his foreign language study and leadership positions when he could no longer swim or run. Despite his commitments and hardships, he continued to help out around our home, helped my children and other young students in our circle to navigate high school academics and decision-making, and volunteered to look over others' artwork and schoolwork, and made sure younger students were comfortable at school.

Eugene is a pillar of our small network of families, and, as a leader of several school organizations and a model student, has always been on the radar of the general Sharon community. His genuine interest and passion in the world, his encouragement and nurturing of younger students, and the example of hard work and respect makes him, in my mind, a preeminent candidate for the Michael C. Rothberg Scholarship.

Thank you,


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