

Dear Admissions Committee,

It is my pleasure to recommend Colleen, whom I have tutored in math and science since 2015. She has demonstrated tremendous effort and growth in the past five years and brings great energy to each tutoring session. Colleen has a rare combination of positive attitude and a belief that she can improve with effort. It's been essential to her learning process. She demonstrates a great ability to communicate as she weekly informs me about her academic strengths and weaknesses and which areas she wants to focus on during our lesson. As a teacher, it is incredibly fulfilling to witness a student make this kind of academic progress. Without a doubt, she'll display this same commitment and diligence to the Rehabilitation Diploma Program.

Colleen's strong belief in her ability to acquire new skills and improve through practice was likely shaped by her years of hockey, softball, piano, and clarinet. Colleen started playing hockey at 5 years old and has become a valued player on her team. For the past twelve years, she has demonstrated commitment to the team to be at early morning and late evening practices, weekend tournaments and goalie clinics to improve her skills. As you can imagine, this same drive that has made Colleen an exceptional hockey player has also made her a great baseball player, piano player and clarinet player. All these extra curricular activities depend on Colleen to be a team player, take instruction from coaches, follow through with their advice, develop an ability to learn new skills, empower others on the team to learn and help themselves, and improve through practice.

While in her family home and tutoring her younger sister, I'm aware of Colleen's caring and sensitive nature. Colleen would step up to the plate, regardless of weather or homework load, and take her sister's dog for a walk so that Emily could concentrate on her lesson and her dog would be well taken care of. In a world where everyone seems to be looking out for themselves, this is a welcome trait to see in a teenager. I'm confident Colleen will be an asset to the program; her caring nature is evident in all she does.

Colleen is a trustworthy, reliable, sincere, good-humored student and friend who supports others in and out of a school setting. She is a pleasure to tutor and her positive attitude and belief in herself, even in the face of difficulty, is an immensely admirable asset. I'm confident she'll continue to demonstrate the same diligence, perseverance and optimism she has shown me. I highly recommend Colleen for admission to your Rehabilitation Diploma Program.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions at steveandnorma@shaw.ca

Sincerely,

Mrs. Norma Fourchalk

(tutor)