

Recommendation for P.F. Lazor,
applicant for Educational Opportunity Grant

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I have known P.F. Lazor for five years, and during this time I have had an opportunity to observe his progress in a wide variety of endeavors. He is amazingly persistent and determined when he is working out a problem. He is one of the most highly motivated persons I have ever known. He works diligently, with high concentration ability, for long periods of time. When I first knew P.F. he was having difficulty conforming to South Lyon High School, a very traditional, conservative school setting. As he matured, he made a tremendous effort to overcome his rebelliousness, and to graduate; I believe the first person in his family to do so. He has managed to overcome a very poor family background to achieve emotional stability and strength of character. His move from Michigan to California, was partly an attempt to establish his independence. He is very confident of himself in a new situation, and he learns rapidly. He should make a good adjustment to a college setting. P.F.'s achievements are accomplished against a background of over-whelming odds against success. Among other pursuits, P.F. has written and financed the publication of two books of poetry, a photographic series of ad copy for hand-made furniture, and a series of journalistic articles. His strong self-discipline would also come in helpfully in dramatic arts, acting as well as crew work. He is very sensitive and constantly alert to what is happening around him. He also has the advantage of being an open-minded, accepting listener - an ability rarely found in a person so young.

Academically, I know he can excel. His weakest area is that he has only mediocre reading skills. I feel he can make up for this by his determination to succeed and his good concentration skills.

Financially, he is completely on his own. His family has not helped in his support for the whole time I have known him. I know that his resources are very low, and so I am pleased that he has taken this opportunity to apply for aid. I urge you to give careful consideration to his application. I feel he richly deserves this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Burke
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AFIDAVIT:

I so solemnly swear under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; and in regard to the time in which it was written. Notwithstanding the periods of time relative to the current date, the content still holds true.

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Date

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