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To Whom It May Concern:

Kelsey XXXXX has been a student on my guidance caseload for the last four years. In addition, she has been an active member of class council of which I am advisor. As a hard working member of class council during her first years of high school, I encouraged her to run for secretary as a junior. I needed students I could count on to organize the full slate of activities that juniors and seniors participate in and had faith that Kelsey would be perfect for the job. She has been an excellent asset to her class in addition to being a pleasure to counsel. It is with these thoughts in mind that I write this letter of recommendation on Kelsey's behalf.

Upon first meeting Kelsey, she appeared as a shy, quiet student. She seemed insecure about her capabilities and did not express confidence in her own talents. As the years progressed, I realized Kelsey's self confidence issues stemmed from her tendency to be a perfectionist. What most people would describe as a beautiful piece of artwork, Kelsey would find flaws in. Of all Kelsey's strengths and weaknesses, this is the one I know she struggles to overcome. I point this out as I believe it is important that as I brag about Kelsey in my letter you realize that she is only human and like everyone has hurdles to climb. What impresses me is that Kelsey understands the areas in her life that need improvement and is not afraid to accept criticism and in turn go out on a limb and make changes. I feel this is sometimes why she wants people to see the flaws in her artwork, because how can we improve if others don't tell us where we are lacking?

Kelsey has been involved in private art lessons most her life and has produced paintings and drawings that I would love to hang framed on my living room wall. Along with being artistically talented, Kelsey is a natural born leader. She has leadership roles in my areas of our school community. Besides her work as a class officer, Kelsey organized a school mural as a member of the art club, captained the girls' varsity soccer team and participates as a student representative to our school improvement team. Her favorite extra-curricular activity is participating as a member of our school's community service program. She finds joy in working at a local homeless shelter one night a week helping to prepare and serve meals. Kelsey is kind hearted and believes in giving back to those who are less fortunate, a lesson most teenagers have yet to learn. I will truly be sad to lose the relationship I have developed with her throughout high school.

Please consider Kelsey XXXXX as a worthy applicant for admission to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. I believe she will make an excellent addition to your campus community.

Sincerely,

Stacy B. Haines
Guidance Director