

Sample Udall Scholarship Recommendation



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Dear Udall Scholarship Review Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Janet Lerner for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship. Ms. Lerner is an outstanding student and researcher. Additionally, she is a gifted writer and promises to make exceptional contributions to the field of environmental public policy.

I first began working with Ms. Lerner when she was a student in my seminar on Science, Technology, and Human Values. In this class, Ms. Lerner investigated the intersection of current issues in science and technology with the responsibilities of citizenship in a participatory democracy. Her work in this course was first-rate, and she contributed substantively to our discussions. Ms. Lerner is a careful scholar and thoughtful speaker, and quickly earned the respect and admiration of her peers.

Ms. Lerner went on to participate the following semester in a student-motivated research project to educate the public on current issues in science, technology, and society studies through a student-developed, student-run web page. During the course of her work on this project, I was consistently impressed with Ms. Lerner's ability to envision simple, powerful ways to communicate complicated issues to a general audience.

Ms. Lerner is actively engaged in research projects which will allow her to bring her knowledge of issues in the earth sciences to the attention of the general public. In addition to the project mentioned above, she has also been a participant in a selective undergraduate research course, has developed a short conservation documentary for a local television station, and has participated in the Department of Environmental Resource Management Externship Program.

Finally, I would like to emphasize Ms. Lerner's skills as part of a working research team. Ms. Lerner is conscientious, responsible, and imaginative. She is both a quick learner and an able teacher. She is a person of good conscience and, what is often equally important to the success of team projects, good humor. I cannot imagine a better student to meet your goals of "educating a new generation of Americans to preserve and protect their national heritage." If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Janet Teacher

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Assistant Professor of Science, Technology, and Society

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Letter of Support for Janet Lerner's Application for the Morris K. Udall Scholarship

I first encountered Janet Lerner three years ago as a student in my freshman-level class in rhetoric and composition. In this class, Janet distinguished herself as a skillful writer, a hard worker, and a sensitive, caring individual. Among other reasons, she stood out for me in this group of students because she was one of only two students to receive an A.

My relationship with Janet has grown significantly in the last two years, and my admiration for her has deepened even further. As I consider the types of academic projects in which Janet has involved herself—from her work in a sediment sampling lab to her active participation in a specialized class in which she is studying coral reef demise—I am genuinely impressed by her motivation and clarity of vision for her future. Janet is not one to take courses or work with professors simply to make herself look good on paper; she genuinely follows her mind and heart in her academic choices.

Most importantly, I think highly of Janet as a writer. She is without a doubt a promising undergraduate science writer. Again, led by her own initiative and vision, Janet has consistently tackled demanding writing projects, from helping with the editing of a professor's textbook to writing a script for a short television documentary, which will be produced and filmed by her professor this spring. As I'm sure you will note in her application materials, Janet is—especially for her age—a true stylist, and she will bring her respect and ability for both written and verbal expression to all of her work. She has spoken with me of a goal to become a scientist writer, and I am convinced of her ability to do so.

Lastly, let me assure you of Janet's integrity and character. She is a person of discernment, intelligence, sensitivity, optimism, energy, and humility. She possesses a wealth of virtues that, in my opinion, make her highly deserving of a Udall Scholarship. Please do give her every consideration. If needed, I would be happy to provide further detail.

Sincerely,

John Student

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Graduate Assistant in English, PhD candidate