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Dear Reader,

It is my pleasure to recommend to you Emma Newell. She has been a member the 4-H Youth Development Program for the past 10 years. In those 10 years, she has completed various projects and demonstrates dedication, care for the community, incredible responsibility, and confidence.

Emma's hard work and dedication shines through in every endeavor she attempts. In the 4-H program, she has not only maintained membership in her community club, but commits herself to leadership in the program by serving as a summer camp counselor, Junior Fair Board member, 4-H Day Assistant, Awareness team member, Canine Ambassador, 1st Attendant to the Junior Fair Queen, PetPALS member, Ohio 4-H Foundation Board youth representative, Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council member, and Secretary to the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council for two years. In each case, Emma has stepped up and taken on the additional challenge of these responsibilities. She is not shy or inhibited from others and voices her opinions and ideas during meetings and events. Emma has willingly volunteered for limitless tasks and takes the responsibility to her fullest potential. She is one of the first youth to jump to a challenge and does not back down after she realizes it is more work than anticipated. She can always be counted on to follow through with what she says she will do.

Emma is not just dedicated, but she also cares for the community. She has completed immeasurable hours performing other service activities throughout the county and state. As part of her PetPALS (People and Animals Linking Successfully) membership, Emma and her dog, Quincy, have been certified to safely socialize with other individuals as part of a therapy program. She has taken this opportunity to the next level by visiting elementary schools weekly to give a dog safety/bite prevention presentation. There are very few other youth who are so dedicated and take their knowledge to the next level and educate others throughout the state, and do so willingly!

Additionally, Emma has proven herself to be a responsible young woman. As a counselor she has been entrusted with complete responsibility for six girls for four days and three nights each summer. Planning prior to camp also occurs. She takes her role very seriously to ensure camp will run smoothly. In addition, as the secretary to the Ohio 4-H Teen Leadership Council, she sends out minutes in a timely manner and makes sure the members are aware of the events and activities. She is very methodical in planning, organizing, and implementing the actual events. I have witnessed very few youth be as meticulous in their planning as Emma is. If she is responsible for an activity or event, I never doubt if it will be completed on time and at such a high level of programming.

Above all, confidence is the key to Emma's success in all these areas. She believes in herself, her abilities and in the value of what she does. Emma does not bow to peer pressure and is not afraid to stand alone in her thoughts and beliefs. This confidence has helped her have the courage to take on new responsibilities and involve herself in new and more challenging activities. Her confidence in others' abilities always inspires people to believe they can accomplish any challenge.

These characteristics have served Emma well in our program and will continue to benefit her in her future endeavors. If I can provide any further information about Emma Newell, please feel free to contact me at epley.24@osu.edu or 614-247-8144.

Sincerely,

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