

School of Communication

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The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania  
Engineers' Building  
337 Fourth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing you to endorse the application of Ms. Faith Cotter, who is applying for The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania scholarship.

Faith is a fantastic young lady who works hard to succeed inside and outside the classroom. She is an active member of our university's Honors Program; maintains an excellent grade point average; has been a member of the dean's list for five consecutive semesters; gets her work disseminated in various publications; and is building a professional resume that will give her every chance to thrive in the journalism industry.

I want to spend the remainder of this letter discussing Ms. Cotter's enthusiasm for something else. She has become deeply involved in the Cub Scout program in the Pittsburgh area, and I have seen how well she interacts with the always energetic (though not always attentive) group called Cub Scouts. (I am a Cubmaster and former den leader, so I know what a challenge Scouts can sometimes be!)

The Scouts with whom I have seen Ms. Cotter work on multiple occasions on the archery range like her, plain and simple. She teaches the important issues of safety, the purpose of archery, how to shoot a bow and other relevant skills. And she does it with a smile and an attitude that ensures the Scouts are having a great time. To me, her demeanor in Scouting tells me more about her character and her professionalism than anything else.

I have had the pleasure to see Ms. Cotter's work in the classroom and in the local Scouting program. In both, she has shown me she is dedicated to success, committed to working hard and always ready to offer a smile. Those are attributes I hope will be considered as your committee reviews Ms. Cotter's body of work.

I am available to answer any questions you have about this letter of support.

Sincerely,



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