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Dear Reviewer,

Confident, creative, and intelligent describe Britnee Blake. I have known Britnee since her middle school years, but I became better acquainted with her when she participated in our Summer 2017 College Road Trip as a rising 9th grader. She spent five days with me and five of her peers visiting ten college campuses in Florida. Britnee impressed me with her maturity, her quick formation of lasting friendships, and how she adapted to the fast pace of the trip. Her assertive yet easy-going nature made her positively stand out to the participants, working professionals, and college representatives.

Beyond the road trip, I watch Britnee match confidence with talent to press towards her full potential. She was the professional photographer for other MERGE programs and crafted promotional videos from concept to final production. Britnee's proactive stance enables her to seamlessly organize, prioritize, and produce quality work. She always aims high. It is no surprise that she has an unweighted 3.85 GPA on her high school record. Britnee is an introvert who thrives in competitive environments.

Britnee's commitment to a career in cinematography is demonstrated inside and outside of the classroom. She is actively involved in several school-based organizations including Student Government and roles such as secretary for the TV & Film Club. She leveraged her craft and talent to convey relevant messages as positive contributions to her academic environment and her community. Her excellent time management skills are evident as she meets the demands advanced high school coursework and college courses through dual enrollment; she serves as an active volunteer at her church and in her community; and executes a thorough plan for her future.

Britnee's expertise in visual and performing arts makes her a great role model. She demonstrates her leadership skills in every endeavor and as a mentor for my daughter who aspires to be a photographer. I have also enjoyed taking part in many of her award-winning projects. Britnee is on pace as an academically competitive, well-rounded college applicant to complete coursework in cinematography and business at a four-year university to ultimately become the owner of a successful production company. Her passion and skill set will keep her on the path of excellence into adulthood.

It is with great confidence that I recommend Miss Britnee Blake for a scholarship from your generous entity. She would be a worthy representative of the values and principles that the Bryan Cameron Education Foundation wants to convey to the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LaDessa Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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