

To Whom It Concerns:

I am an Agriculture Teacher working at El Capitan High School and it is my sincere pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Nathan Kauffman.

I first encountered Nathan as a student in my California Agriculture course where he impressed me with his hard work and attention to detail. As he progressed through my course he stood out as a highly intelligent and very capable student. Nathan's love for agriculture and the FFA became very apparent during my class as he continuously strove to be more involved with our chapter. Nathan was a swine barn manager for two years and has been a member of the Farm Power judging team for three years. I personally worked with him daily for two years as he managed our 15 sow breeding project and over 100 student projects on our school farm. Nathan is an excellent leader who worked well with all students that he had contact with. Nathan always made sure his jobs were done and that our animals were well cared for while developing his skills in animal husbandry. He has spent a great deal of time working with our dry land oat hay project as well and has become an accomplished equipment operator and a reliable hand whenever something needs to get accomplished in the fields. Nathan's commitment to our program has been tremendous both in the classroom and outside of school with his involvement in SAE projects.

As his chapter advisor for the past four years I have constantly been impressed with Nathan. He is the kind of person that is always willing to lend a hand and goes out of his way to be helpful. Even during covid closures, Nathan routinely came into the department to help out. I know everyone has the opportunity to work with great students in their career but this young man is the right kind. He is helpful and selfless and will never let you down or fail to show up. Simply put, he is a very special person who can make decisions and take charge of a situation but also a person who can follow and be a work horse or do the little things to bring about success in whatever it is he is doing. Nathan is intelligent, honest, innovative and respected by all who have the opportunity to meet him. He is a young man who isn't afraid to try new things and work hard to get what he wants. Nathan is remarkably mature for his age and exhibits leadership qualities amongst his peers which make him an invaluable member of our program and will make him an invaluable member of whatever institution he attends in the future. Nathan displays the strength of character we all hope to have and I am very proud that I can say he is a student of mine and a member of my FFA organization.

Nathan is one of the hardest working students and people I have encountered in my tenure as an educator and I have never been happier to write a letter of recommendation in support of an individual. It is without question in my mind that Nathan will be an outstanding choice to receive this scholarship.

Regards,

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