

May 24, 2016

Mr. Mark Gunther
Managing Director
Eva Leah Gunther Foundation
1660 Bush St. Suite 300
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Mr. Gunther:

It is with tremendous pleasure that I nominate [name] for the Eva Gunther Fellowship. I have known [name] since fall 2015, when she was a student in my Honors American Literature class at Gateway High School. A strong student and a leader among her peers, [name] demonstrates the qualities of an Eva Gunther Fellow and would be a very deserving recipient of this award.

[name] is a compassionate, aware, dedicated, and driven student. She is the rare student who works hard during the year for the learning she can gain as opposed to working for the grade. I've seen [name] grow so much this year – academically, socially, and emotionally, and I'm so proud! [name] is an honors student with a strong academic record. Outside of the classroom, [name] has exhibited leadership skills as captain of her junior varsity volleyball team for the past year.

[name] will be the first in her family to attend college and has enrolled in Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO) Scholars San Francisco to achieve that goal. An eight-year program, SEO Scholars provides year-round out-of-school time academic enrichment to prepare high school Scholars for entry into four-year colleges. [name] has participated in the program since 9th grade, attending its classes once a week after school, almost every Saturday during the school year, and for five weeks each summer. [name] has been an exemplary Scholar with a strong attendance and homework completion record. Recently, [name] was selected to represent SEO Scholars San Francisco as the Scholar speaker at SEO's annual awards dinner in New York City.

As part of SEO's academic program to prepare underserved students for college, Scholars pursue summer enrichment opportunities before their senior year of high school. Through SEO Scholars, [name] has been accepted into Cross-Cultural Solutions, a volunteer abroad program where she will be leading academic

enrichment activities with elementary school students in Peru. This past semester, [name] had the opportunity to lead classroom activities as an intern at a local elementary school and developed a strong passion for working with students. She is excited to apply her interest in education through the Cross-Cultural Solutions program this summer

[name] is determined to become the first person in her family to graduate from college. Participating in this enrichment program will help further prepare her for college. She plans to pursue a career in education to help other students from low-income backgrounds achieve their own dreams of a college education.

The total cost of [name] enrichment program is \$3,600. Cross-Cultural Solutions provides all on-the-ground program activities and costs \$2,882; round-trip flights to Lima, Peru cost approximately \$750. A grant from the Eva Gunther Foundation of \$2,000 will cover the majority of the program cost. [name] has raised \$1,095 through a personal fundraising page to help off-set the remainder of the cost, and SEO Scholars will cover the gap to ensure she can participate in this program.

I certify that I [name] faithfully will attend the program in which she participates; that her performance will be satisfactory according to the standards of the program; and that the Eva Gunther Foundation will be permitted to solicit information regarding [name] 's participation.

In closing, I believe that Fiorabella is deserving of the Eva Gunther Fellowship and would make you proud. I would be delighted to answer any questions about [name] . Please contact me at [email] or [phone] .

Sincerely,

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