To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Olutayo Sogunro. I highly recommend Olutayo for entrance into medical school based on her superior performance in classes and in independent laboratory research.

I first met Olutayo about six months ago when she approached me about doing independent research in my laboratory. It is unusual for students to approach a faculty member whom they have never met and ask to do research, but Olutayo had interest in learning about evolutionary research in the laboratory and took the initiative to contact me. After speaking to other faculty about her and seeing her impressive transcript, I agreed to supervise her. It was an excellent decision for me because she has been a wonderful student to work with.

Olutayo has a great interest in learning everything she can. Another thing that I observe in my lab is that she pays very careful attention to detail with every step, taking meticulous notes. She has become the leader of the five students working on our project and I can always count on her to explain details to students who catch on more slowly than she does.

This semester Olutayo is also a student in my Evolutionary and Ecological Genetics course. She has never missed a class, is very attentive, and asks important, insightful questions. Although many other students in the class struggle with the material, she seems to learn it easily.

Besides her schoolwork, Olutayo is also a leader in the community. She is the president of Women Involved Now, a campus organization that seeks to engage and inform women and men about important issues.

Because of her performance in both academics and social causes, this year I nominated her for the CCSU Department of Biology’s highest annual award, the Albert H. Tozloski Award for Distinguished Achievement. This award requires senior standing, a high GPA, and service to the University. Other faculty members agreed and she will be receiving the award in May (but she does not know it yet).

Olutayo is an excellent student who makes those around her do better work and learn more because of her enthusiasm and depth of knowledge. I fully recommend her for entrance into medical school. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 832-2676 or DoanTiM@ccsu.edu.

Sincerely,

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