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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great pleasure to write this letter of academic recommendation for Jonah McCarthy. I have known Jonah since 2010. He has been a student in several classes I have taught at Firelight Homeschool Co-op. Most recently, Jonah completed an honors anatomy and physiology course which I had the privilege of teaching.

Jonah came to this class with a solid science background, extensive vocabulary, and experience performing labs. As a registered nurse, I approached this subject with high expectations of my students. Jonah's work was thorough and carefully completed. He was ready with questions about the material we were covering. He achieved an A average on both the tests and the lab portion of the class. Using the microscope and performing dissections were skills included in his labwork.

Group activities were an important part of this class. Jonah was a very active participant in class discussions and activities. He showed an exceptional ability to work well with his classmates. His manner is quiet and humble. This year Jonah was often working with students who were struggling with the difficult material. In group situations, I have noticed him guiding other students toward correct responses with a modest and kind manner. He is well liked by his peers and quick to offer help to others.

Jonah also exhibited an organized approach to his demanding workload. Jonah recognized the need for a schedule to keep up with weekly reading assignments. He does not need reminders to take notes and he is able to identify the most important parts of a lecture. He kept careful track of his syllabus schedule and independently met all deadlines.

Jonah's academic achievement, social maturity, and organizational skills leave me in no doubt that he is prepared for rigorous college classes. I am confident he will achieve success in any academic path he chooses.

Sincerely,

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