## To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Skylar Love for the Dr. Delbert Oberteuffer Scholarship. I have worked with Skylar as a doctoral student and graduate research assistant for the past six months. I believe that Skylar meets the award requirements, and her interest areas align with the goals of this award, as she focuses on health promotion among children and youth.

Skylar's past work experience and future goals make her an idea candidate for this award. As an undergraduate student, Skylar worked part-time for a grant funded afterschool program at a title 1 school in Northwest Arkansas. During her 2 years of employment, she worked as the lead teacher for indoor/outdoor sports where she created health/exercise curriculum for children in class. The majority of students were Hispanic and Marshallese and health outcomes for these groups were disproportionately worse when compared to whites, which guided the curriculum and instruction to include physical activity every day. Upon graduation, she accepted employment with a grant funded program as a youth tobacco prevention coordinator. She was assigned to an area of Little Rock, AR with a high concentration of low SES black and Hispanic adolescents, where she regularly planned programs and went into schools to do lessons on tobacco use.

In 2020, Skylar began her PhD program at Texas A&M University. She currently works on a project to improve healthcare access and experiences for youth. Skylar works specifically with project's teen advisory group to gain insight on youth's experience utilizing healthcare. She has also worked with student populations in health promotion at Texas A&M.

Based on Skylar's work ethic and intellect, as well as experience, I believe she will make an excellent scholarship recipient for your program. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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