

December 9, 2022

RE: Karina Collins

Dear Foundation for the Advancement of Health Education Scholarship Committee,

It is my pleasure to submit this letter supporting Karina Collins's application for a scholarship from the FAHE scholarship committee. I have only known Karina for a short while, but she has stood out to me as an accomplished student who cares deeply about developing connections within her community and manifesting better relationships between communities. Having closely observed Karina's disposition and leadership, I believe she is one of the brightest and most thoughtful students I have engaged with in my ten years teaching undergraduates.

As a University Honors Program Scholar, Karina has chosen to focus her studies on community engagement. She stands out among her peers in my Foundations of Community Engagement class in that Karina is deeply curious about the community problems we consider and the structures behind them. This became apparent to me when I had the pleasure of observing Karina as a leader in a group project. Karina is a natural leader who builds her peers up and helps them achieve their goals. Her group is operating in a collaborative and inclusive manner than is largely due to her leadership.

I suspect that Karina's success in leading her group in their class project is linked to her experience with leadership in other contexts. Karina serves as a resident advisor and a senator in our University's SGA. She has also taken an active role in bridging divides between groups on our campus that have traditionally not engaged with each other. She does all this while working her way through college and participating in undergraduate research with a faculty mentor.

Karina is congenial, poised, and professional. If selected for a scholarship, she will represent the Health Education Foundation well. After all, I know that she displays a profound commitment to service and excellence in everything that she does. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call. I will be happy to discuss my recommendation of Karina.

Sincerely,



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