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Dear scholarship review committee,

This is a letter of recommendation for Keenan Phillips for the Dr. Mary K. Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship. I've known Keenan for the past year, starting with when he first started to reach out to me about our MPH program at UNCG until now, in which he has been an MPH student here at UNCG since August. I am the Graduate Program Director here at UNCG in the Department of Public Health Education and a year ago when I saw Keenan's application come in, I knew he was perfect for our program.

To verify, Keenan Phillips is a full-time enrolled master's student in UNC Greensboro's MPH program (Community Health Education). Keenan is a very successful student and holds a 3.9 GPA.

Since entering our program, Keenan and I met have interacted on several occasions to discuss both his academic plans as well as his public health professional aspirations. I enjoy meeting with him because he always asks excellent and inquisitive questions around public health. Keenan's enthusiasm to advance his knowledge is noteworthy. Although Keenan has yet to take one of my courses, I have learned from other instructors that the level of work Keenan produces in the classroom is exceptional. He always turns assignments in on time and is always interested in having good conversations with PHE students before, during, and after class. My understanding is that along with a small number of other students in the MPH program, Keenan is one of our top performing students. Faculty describe Keenan as professional and always prepared. During our individual interactions, he is always polite and eager to learn.

Based on his outstanding academic standing and as a health education professional, I believe Keenen is the exact type of student who deserves the Dr. Mary K. Beyrer Graduate Student Scholarship. I love that he is passionate, prepared, and willing to put the time and effort into his studies and the profession and would represent the scholarship well.

Respectfully Yours,

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