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Dear Scholarship Committee,

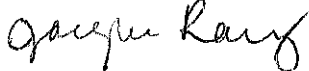
It is my pleasure to recommend Jordan Ford for the Marion Pollock Fellowship in health education. Jordan has been an outstanding graduate student in our Health Promotion program, and I believe she has tremendous potential to make meaningful contributions to the field. Jordan has consistently demonstrated excellence in her classes and a deep commitment to health education, earning a 4.0 GPA in the 9 hours of coursework she has completed so far.

Beyond the classroom, she demonstrated her leadership potential by taking on leadership roles in several professional organizations and has been an invited speaker on the topics of health literacy and serving as a resource for health information. What really sets Jordan apart, however, is her proven track record as a youth services librarian and educator. She has a passion for translating complex health concepts into accessible, age-appropriate content, which is a critical skill for any health educator working with school-aged populations.

Jordan has gained valuable hands-on experience through her work with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. In this role, she developed and implemented educational workshops and presentations for healthcare students that support interprofessional education and health literacy. Training healthcare students in health literacy is critically important so that they recognize the need to ensure mutual understanding between the patient and the provider. Jordan wants to take this experience beyond healthcare professionals. She has a goal of developing training resources for teachers and community educators that will allow them to engage children in learning about health.

Jordan's professional goals align perfectly with the mission of this scholarship program. Upon completing her graduate degree, she aspires to put her skills and knowledge to work improving the health and wellbeing of children and adolescents, especially in under-resourced communities. Recognizing that miscommunication of health information is one of the major contributing factors to health disparities and inequities, she wants to address this problem. With her demonstrated excellence in teaching, deep understanding of the unique needs of school-aged populations, and her passion for the field, I am confident that Jordan Ford will make an immediate and lasting impact in the profession.

In closing, I wholeheartedly recommend Jordan Ford for the Marion Pollock Fellowship. She possesses all the qualities necessary to be an outstanding health educator, and this scholarship would provide invaluable support as she takes the next step in pursuing her professional goals. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely, 

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