

Dear Selection Committee,

I am pleased to recommend Jennifer Fiala. I've had the honor of supervising Jennifer for the past 2 years in my role as the Career & Technical Scholarship Advisor at Washington State Opportunity Scholarship (WSOS), where she serves as a Scholar Lead. During this time, I've watched Jennifer grow into a confident peer mentor and leader. She's someone who advocates for others, embraces challenges, and seeks opportunities to strengthen her skills.

In her role, Jennifer demonstrates exceptional problem-solving abilities and quick thinking. She mentors more than 200 Scholars across Washington state, each attending different colleges and navigating unique circumstances. Scholars reach out to her for support with their scholarship and for help identifying campus and community resources. Even when she is unfamiliar with a Scholar's specific institution, Jennifer takes the initiative to research the campus and surrounding area to ensure she provides accurate and relevant guidance. This level of dedication goes well beyond what we expect from Scholar Leads and reflects her deep commitment to supporting students.

Jennifer also stands out for her communication and leadership skills. After her first year in the role, WSOS implemented significant changes to the Scholar Lead program and actively sought feedback from Scholar Leads. Jennifer provided thoughtful and constructive feedback on how to strengthen engagement and better support Scholars. Her insights contributed to meaningful program improvements and increased participation.

Beyond her role, Jennifer is consistently eager to learn. She seeks feedback and looks for opportunities to grow as a leader, both on her campus and within WSOS. Her curiosity, initiative, and commitment to personal development make her an exceptional candidate.

I am confident that Jennifer Fiala will be an asset in any professional or leadership setting she pursues, and I recommend her without hesitation.

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Sincerely,
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