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Dear Scholarship Committee Members,

I am writing this letter in recommendation of Ryder Johnson for selection as a recipient of your 2021 OGCSA Scholarship. I am the Head Academic Advisor for the Department of Horticulture and serve as Ryder's Academic Advisor.

Ryder entered our program from Linn-Benton Community College this past summer 2020 and has performed very well in his Oregon State University (OSU) courses. He currently has a GPA of 3.47 at OSU

In addition to his strong academic performance, Ryder has distinguished himself through his community involvement and the leadership roles he has held. Ryder held basketball camps for elementary and middle-school students and also volunteered for serving food to the homeless. Ryder has also been active in the OSU Turf Club.

Ryder has displayed a strong commitment to establishing a career in the golf industry not only through his educational pursuits but also through his employment. He was employed at Chamber Bays Golf Course and is currently working at our OSU Turf Research Farm.

I believe that Ryder has, and will continue to be, a valuable contributor to the golf industry. Therefore, I believe he would be a most appropriate and appreciative recipient of this scholarship.

Thank you for making this scholarship available to our students. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kelly Donegan

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