

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am writing this reference at the request of Justin Self who is applying for the _____ scholarship. I have known Justin for just over one year since he started attending Cal Poly in Fall 2021. Justin took my Intro to Manufacturing course, IME144, and excelled in my course.

Besides earning top grades in his major-related (aerospace engineering) courses, he took my “required” course very seriously and applied his best effort and energy to succeeding and learning in my course. Justin not only demonstrates the skill necessary to succeed as an engineer, but he is tenacious at his approach to learning about how to tackle engineering problems. He is also an adept leader; one skill I particularly noticed during his time in my class.

For example, the final project for the quarter required the students to form teams, appoint a team leader, and mass-produce a pneumatic air-powered motor for each team member. This project not only develops and tests the student’s ability to put the course learning objectives into practice, (to use machine shop tools and inspection practices to produce high-quality parts/assemblies) but also serves to develop their teamwork skills. Justin demonstrated excellent leadership skills throughout the quarter and, no surprise, his team unanimously voted for his leadership over the project.

Under Justin’s leadership, his team worked harder than the other teams that quarter and finished their assemblies one week ahead of schedule. Justin demonstrated superior organizational leadership, kindness to his team, and an excellent team-first mindset. Besides leadership, Justin also put in long hours outside of class for his own enrichment (not required) regarding learning the machine shop tools and procedures because he loves to learn.

I highly recommend Justin Self for this scholarship and am confident that if his conduct in my “required” class at Cal Poly is any indication of his capacity, he will continue to thrive in his future endeavors. I believe that awarding Justin this scholarship will prove a worthy investment.

Please feel free to contact me with further questions or additional information by email at tgeorgeo@calpoly.edu.

Sincerely,

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