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Dear Lane Electric Scholarship Committee,

Melony Burnett has expressed to me that she is majoring in Psychology with the goal of obtaining a master's degree, to be a counselor in the future with a focus on helping low-income women and individuals within the LGBTQIA+ community.

She is currently a student attending Oregon State University, in her third year working toward graduating with her bachelor of science in Psychology by summer of 2024. She has expressed that she was informed of a master's degree program that meets her needs at Oregon State University that she intends to apply to in the near future. She does her best to maintain a high level of academic success within her classes. I can see that she is very determined to stay on her path to completing her educational goals as she has been applying for many scholarships and researching additional potential opportunities.

Melony worked with me in the Gender Equity Center, at Lane Community College through the work study program July 2021 to May 2022. One of the many tasks of a student ambassador is to greet all people coming into the center. We have managers, classified staff, and current and prospective students coming into the center needing help. Melony handled every situation and issue with grace, professionalism, and compassion for the person. She demonstrated great listening skills and is very patient with students who need additional support. Melony was always the first student ambassador to volunteer for new projects, helping out with events and in general whatever the center needed. Her willingness to jump in and lead projects was incredible for the center. We have a Women in Transition Program and there were times that she would help the women entering the programs with the steps necessary to get started. While she was working at the center, she took the initiative to contact Planned Parenthood and coordinated obtaining dental dams to promote more equity with safe sex options as we have always provided condoms to students at the Gender Equity Center. She also headed a project that promoted the AllMatters menstrual cup, a sustainable product that people were able to sign up to receive complimentary for a limited time. These are just a few examples of the impact she made while working on campus.

Lastly, I think Melony is an excellent candidate for the Lane Electric College of Choice Scholarship. She is a balanced and compassionate person and student. Her dedication to her academics is outstanding as was her dedication to our office while she was here. I also witnessed while she worked here that she is an ally for Women's Rights and an Ally for the LGBTQ+ community helping in ways that she can, to work toward more equity.

Sincerely,

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Dear Lane Electric Scholarship Committee,

I write in strong support of Melony Burnett's scholarship application. I have known Melony since the fall term of 2022 when she was a student in my Honors College class. Melony is a strong student who is aware of her strengths and works to improve her weaknesses. I have no doubts that she will use your financial support wisely.

During the short time I have known her, she consistently demonstrated that she is responsible, mature, and knowledgeable. She turned her assignments in on time and completed them with a high level of analysis. She attended and contributed to our class meetings and worked well with her classmates during their term-long group project. She is a strong student all around.

In ten short weeks, Melony worked diligently to grow as a writer. Students write several types of papers in my course. In the first paper, students describe how to draw a pattern so a classmate can use the description to recreate the pattern from scratch. It was during this assignment that Melony learned how viewing a problem from a different angle could greatly simplify a task. After her initial draft, she received feedback that suggested using a grid-like system might make describing the shapes easier. She successfully implemented this feedback to improve the next version of her paper.

She shared with me in her final assignment that it was this feedback that allowed her to see the impact different experiences can have. Even on a task as small as writing a description. She started to think more deeply about how using a different approach to a problem may make a difference in how we solve it. Looking back on her assignments now, it is clear she took this idea to heart and looked for different perspectives within the course as the term continued.

Your financial support would help Melony continue her academic pursuits. Receiving this financial support would mean she could work fewer hours and dedicate more time to her studies. I am confident that Melony would spend this time constructively by working on her coursework, meeting with professors, and seeking out additional help from other resources on campus.

Based on my interactions with Melony in my course, I believe she is well suited to be successful in her academic pursuits. You would be proud to have her as a recipient of your fellowship. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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