

Sample #1

Dear Admissions Committee,

It gives me immense pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Ms. Regina George in support of her application for the dental program at your university. I have known Regina for the past three years in the capacity of her Microbiology and Biochemistry professor in her 4th and 6th semesters of college.

In the time that I have spent with her, Regina has been a sincere and diligent student with a keen enthusiasm for research. In her 4th semester, when I was teaching her Microbiology, she undertook a research project on “Bacterial profiles of saliva in relation to diet and lifestyle factors” where she expressed her interest in the field of oral microbiology. In her 6th semester, she completed a project titled “Effects of fluorides in drinking water on teeth” where she came up with some interesting findings on her topic, such as the negative impact of fluoride in drinking water and the potential harm caused by artificial fluoridation to human body.

By the time she was in the 6th semester, Regina had decided to pursue dentistry after college. I was thrilled to learn about her goal of becoming a dentist because I am certain that dentistry will provide her the perfect platform to gain knowledge and exercise her abilities in helping other people. Through her activities and academic performance, I can say that she has gained several skills that I believe will be helpful in dentistry. For instance, in her tenure as the student lab assistant in the biology lab, she demonstrated fine motor skills along with management and organization of the lab. She helped first-year students in getting familiar with experiments in the lab and resolved their queries.

As an academic instructor for the past 15 years, I come across youngsters with budding talent from time to time. However, what distinguishes one student from another is their willingness to put in efforts to use their talents in making the world a better place. I am happy to find that Regina is one of those individuals who always go the extra mile. As a student, she is not limited to just finishing her classes and passing her exams. Apart from regular classes, I recall her attending several workshops organized in college related to different practical topics in Chemistry and Biology for additional knowledge.

She understands her responsibility as a student and participated in several voluntary teaching activities. She has contributed as a volunteer to several campus events and served in youth organizations around the campus. She led the “Campus Dental and Oral Awareness Program” along with a team of students and created an annual event that promotes awareness of healthy dental practices. Her sincerity towards eliminating the dental and oral health care disparity among the common population motivates her to work hard.



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With that being said, I am in full support of Regina's position in the post-graduate residency program at your dental school. Her capability and competency make her an ideal fit for the school. I am sure that whatever endeavors she takes up in dental school, she will show an exceptional performance. Being a part of your dental school will enable her to achieve her dreams and serve society as a knowledgeable dentist with the scope of changing the world for the better.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arnold Thomas, PhD

Sample #2

Dear Admissions Committee,

I am writing this letter of recommendation in support of Ben Giles for the dental program at your university. I have known Ben for two years now as he has assisted me with patients in my private dental practice in New York City. In the time that I have worked with him, Ben has proven himself as a hard-working and determined individual. Ben started working with us in the second year of his college. For the first quarter of his tenure at my office, he worked at the reception where he impressed most of my patients in a short span of time through his friendly manner. With his people skills, he made patients comfortable while they waited in the office.

While it is normal for people to complete their defined job duties, Ben is one of those people who always goes over and beyond what has been assigned to him. He has often filled in for the people on the team on the occasions when they have called in sick. This also demonstrated his eagerness to learn new things through voluntary participation in different clinical duties. Once he had unofficially taken different responsibilities around the clinic, I started taking his assistance on the regular dental procedures. He was quick to demonstrate his dexterity and attention to detail by helping me with tooth extractions and fillings in his first month of assisting me.

Ben's understanding of biology and theoretical knowledge has always supported him while understanding how practical dentistry works. It will be a great benefit for him in the future when he attends dental school and trains to have his practice. For example, his theoretical endodontic competency was appropriate when he assisted me in a root canal treatment for the very first time. The case was complicated because the patient had two previously failed root canal treatments. Through the case, he learned the impact of unhealthy eating and hygiene habits on a root canal treatment. Additionally, his sharpness for grasping new things



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will be his asset in the dental program which joins as he became adept with pouring dental impressions in just a week.

Having observed Ben in his daily actions around patients and otherwise, I believe that he is a perfect fit for dental school. He was always successful in calming down patients with fears related to dental procedures, He accomplished this through his soothing talk with an added touch of the personal connection he had with the patients. Due to this, I can personally attest to his good character and his genuine desire to help people as a practicing dentist. I am confident about his success in his pursuit of dentistry and I highly recommend him for the dental program at your distinguished institution.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley Walton, DDS

Sample #3

Dear Admissions Committee,

Thank you for giving me the pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Craig Marsh, an excellent undergraduate student whom I had the pleasure of knowing for the past two years. I have been both a professor and a mentor to Craig in the time that I have known him. I taught him Anatomy in his junior year. I find him a highly motivated and individual who puts sincere effort into his studies. He demonstrated these qualities by coming prepared for his anatomy classes. He would review the textbook prior to the class and ask questions in the class. He did not fear sharing his own perspective on the concepts and actively participated in class discussions.

Even after clearing the course in Anatomy with flying colors, Craig continued working with me as a teaching assistant for first-year students. He had scored an A grade in Anatomy and I decided to offer him the opportunity of helping other pupils. He performed his duties with a great enthusiasm and had built a good rapport with the pupils. This was evident from their comfort in approaching him with their questions.

Apart from his academics, he participated in different activities on campus. He served as the president for the Pre-dental Association at the college. In this role, he helped other member students with resources to decide if dentistry was an ideal career path for them. His clarity on his own future goals enabled him to aid other students in choosing their objectives. Along with this, he promoted and educated the university students about oral health by working in collaboration with the society members. He had demonstrated his effectiveness as a team

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player by helping his association in securing venues for organizing dental hygiene awareness events for everyone.

His one more remarkable characteristic is his problem-solving attitude and he seeks to learn whatever he can from every situation. He had once organized a poster-making competition in college for the World Oral Health Day. However, the number of participants who turned up was very low. Instead of being disheartened, he decided to go to root of the problem and discovered that people had not much to say when it came to oral health awareness because they themselves were less informed. This led him to become more active in creating awareness about oral and dental health.

Craig had often discussed his career aspirations of becoming a dentist and I fully support him in his dream. As I am aware of his academic grades and his interpersonal skills with people, I am confident in his capacity to succeed in his career as a dentist. I wish to give Craig my highest recommendation for dental school and I am sure that he will be able to succeed in the dental program through his integrity and hard work.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shawn Anderson, PhD

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