

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Pastor John Mark Butler, am writing this letter of recommendation to express my support for Ms. Alex Grace James and her application for academic scholarship on behalf of Bayou Sara Baptist Church. I have had the honor of knowing Alex throughout her formative years in our youth ministry. In this time, she has continually displayed excellence of character, faithfulness to her personal beliefs and convictions, and a deep devotion to serve others with humility and grace. From her earlier years in middle school, she displayed maturity and confidence well beyond what would be expected for someone her age, though I am far more impressed by the manner in which she treats others. Now a member of the oldest demographic of our students, Alex has shown continual kindness to others years younger than herself, stepping forward to include and welcome others.

In addition to a 4.5 weighted GPA, dual-enrollment courses, and a complete education history on the Honor Roll, Alex has volunteered her free time with various community service organizations, most notably Project Outreach, the Special Olympics, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, BETA Club, and even our church's food pantry. In truth, you will be hard-pressed to identify a candidate more eligible or deserving of an academic scholarship than Alex. She has embodied excellence in her education, her athletics, and her personal integrity. For these reasons and countless more, I very highly recommend Ms. Alex Grace James for your consideration in the selection for an academic scholarship. If you require more information or have any other concerns, please contact me through the information below. Thank you for your time, and may God bless you.

In Christ,

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