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Dear Sir or Madam,

I have known Carl Harmon-Vellotti for the past six years. Initially, Carl served as an assistant in my son's chess classes, then later became a dual chess instructor for his advanced lessons. Over the past year as my son has continued to progress in his chess training, Carl has become his private chess instructor. My son has learned, been challenged by and grown immensely in his chess skills under Carl's tutelage.

At all times I have found Carl to be dependable, hard-working, extremely patient, kind, positive, encouraging, and courteous. We've had times where our schedules conflict due to travel, family matters, extracurricular activities, etc., but Carl is very good at being flexible and accommodating these changes, despite his busy schedule.

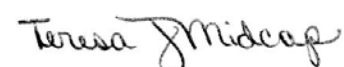
As a coach, Carl is excellent and works very well with the students and parents alike. He seems to easily spot students who are struggling and works with them to overcome the issues they might be having. He is always positive, encouraging and kind, and finds new and interesting ways to keep the students attention and focus them on the tasks at hand. He is very creative in teaching the material. For example, he'll invent stories to teach chess concepts, which really help illustrate the points and sticks with the students long-term.

As a fellow chess competitor, Carl strives for excellence and drives himself beyond the norm to reach his potential. Time and again, we've seen Carl challenge himself in chess over the years, playing above the level he was rated at in order to improve his own skills and push himself to become the best player he can be. We see many players who are merely obsessed with winning, even if they have to play below their skill set to do so. Carl, on the other hand, sets long-term goals and focuses on achieving them, and is willing to forego an easier victory for the chance to progress his skills even more. He puts in the time and effort to make his goals a reality. That kind of attitude goes far in the real world and bodes well to a very successful academic career.

In summary, Carl displays many qualities that will make him an exceptional student. He is self-motivated, dependable, a hard worker, and is a pleasure to work with and be around. Without reservation, I highly recommend Carl for your consideration.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the above address.

Regards,



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