**Reference Letter from Friend’s Parents**

To whom it may concern,

I am very pleased to write a character reference for James Norris.

James and my son are good friends and go to the same high school. I have known James for seven years. During that time I have always been amazed at his level of enthusiasm. Two years ago he participated with my son in planning and financing a school club trip to New York City. He not only raised enough money for his expenses but also helped finance my son’s, along with four other club members.

Another example of James’ enthusiasm occurred last summer. James cuts the grass and trims the hedges each week for the Johnson family. When they went on a two week vacation they asked James to cut the grass twice while they were gone. Even though they wouldn’t have known if he’d only cut it once, he cut it twice. But not only that, when he found out they’d be gone an extra three days he cut it a third time-- right before they came back so it would look nice for them.

James also washes and waxes cars for people. While eating out recently I overheard two neighbors comparing their cars and how good they looked. Neither knew at first that James did both of their cars, and each bragged about a “super kid” that stopped at nothing short of the perfect shine.

I would certainly recommend James for any task where enthusiasm, hard work and trustworthiness are valued.

Sincerely,

Ray Ludwig