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To The Hezakiah Brady Jr. Scholarship Selection Committee:

It is a great pleasure to write a recommendation letter for Ms. Gia Boice to support her application for the Hezakiah Brady Jr. Scholarship. I have known Ms. Gia for almost a year as her mentor and instructor. Ms. Gia was enrolled in my TCH 110: Cross Cultural Teaching and Learning in the fall of 2023.

Ms. Gia is detail-oriented, focused, well-prepared, and always on top of her game. I have always been incredibly impressed with her ability to present her thoughts logically and analytically inside and outside class. Furthermore, Ms. Gia's course assignments reflect her thoughtfulness and desire to learn about other cultures, curriculum models, and teaching strategies for working with young learners and their families. Ms. Gia is a team player and leader, and I have observed her interactions with her peers/group members. She knows when to contribute her ideas and when to take a leadership role. Ms. Gia is highly regarded by her peers and my colleagues for her enthusiasm to learn, to share, and to serve.

Moreover, Ms. Gia is a very learning-inclined individual; she is well-read (she reads a variety of genres) and inquisitive. Ms. is very open-minded and likes to be challenged. She knows what she wants for her life and has made plans for it. Besides taking courses at ISU, Ms. Gia has always been involved in the community. She is an active ISU member and a member of the community; she has contributed her time and talents to several community causes. Ms. Gia has many leadership roles in the student organizations and service projects. Ms. Gia has aspired to learn to prepare herself better as a teacher. She has a strong work ethic and is very reliable.

Ms. Gia's determination and efforts to strive for excellence can inspire her peers and our students on campus. I am sure you will find Ms. Gia to be a deserving recipient of this scholarship for her dedication to better herself as a person and a professional.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance. I can be reached at 309-438-2839 or ymlin@ilstu.edu.

Sincerely,



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