

January 9, 2017

To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I provide this letter of recommendation for Skye Lipson. I had the rewarding opportunity to have Skye as a student in my history course at Lane Community College during Fall Term in 2016. He earned excellent grades in what proved to be very challenging courses and was clearly one of the top student scholars of the two sections of classes that I taught. His attention to detail, willingness to ask for help, and genuine desire to succeed will rank him among the most promising students for your educational consideration.

Skye exhibits a sense of responsibility not common enough in this day and age and is conscientious about his performance. To that end, he always completed his work on time and always attended class. He is also one of those students who is very exciting to teach because he is consistently prepared for the day's lesson. I never left a conversation with him feeling that the time or discussion had been without purpose.

When participating in the online forum requirements of my United States history courses, Skye illustrated an excellent comprehension and analysis of the conflicting sources with which students were provided. He also went on to display commendable interactive skills when communicating with his classmates. All students are required to read, analyze, and debate a number of controversial historical topics, such as Puritanism and Islam, the impact of the Great Awakening, and the nature of the changes wrought by the American Revolution, whether conservative or radical. His thorough preparation enabled him to more accurately and creatively craft his arguments. Even when confronted by other intelligent students who had arrived at opposing conclusions, Skye was able to actively listen, even when he disagreed with their positions. He stood his ground, providing historical evidence and logical support for his views. Skye's research and citations often swayed other students to reconsider their original positions and come to more accurate interpretations that were more in line with the historical record. I was indeed fortunate to have Skye as a student in my classes; moreover, I can make a stronger case that his own peers were even more fortunate, having been the beneficiaries of his thoughtful and rigorous scholarship throughout the term.

I consider Skye Lipson to be a prime candidate for success in his continuing education and any future career he chooses. I recommend him without reservation. Having taught many students over my career, Skye is not only a qualified prospect, but more likely, a *preferred* candidate for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Escobar", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joe Escobar
History Instructor
Lane Community College

RECOMMENDATION FORM: ACADEMIC

STUDENTS: A letter of recommendation from a recent university or community college instructor is required for application to Educational Foundations. Recommendations from high school or from a family member will not be accepted. After completing section 1, please give both pages to the person providing your recommendation and consider providing them with an envelope. Options for returning the letter and form are listed on page 2.

SECTION 1: TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

APPLICANT NAME: <u>Skye Lipson</u>	
This recommendation will become part of your admissions file. It will be used only for admissions considerations and will not be disclosed to any unauthorized individual without your consent. Under the federal law entitled the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and the UO Student Record Policy, registered students are given the right to inspect their records, including letters of recommendation. Should you wish to waive your right of access to this recommendation, you may do so by checking the appropriate box below. All recommendations will be carefully considered.	
☒ I waive access to this recommendation.	☐ I do not waive access to this recommendation.
Signature: <u>Skye Lipson</u>	Date: <u>12/16/2016</u>

SECTION 2: TO BE COMPLETED BY INSTRUCTOR AND RETURNED BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Instructor name: Joe Escobar

Relationship to applicant: Former History Instructor

Institution: Lane Community College

The Educational Foundations (EdF) major is for undergraduates who are committed to social change. The purpose of the Educational Foundations (EdF) major is to prepare future professionals in education and related fields who are critical thinkers, well informed about theory and practice, and who possess the knowledge and skills that will enable them to be change agents in economically, racially, culturally, and linguistically diverse communities.

A recommendation letter from a supervisor who can speak to the applicant's commitment and experience in working with children is required for use in the process of determining admission. Applications without this recommendation form are not considered for admission.

As required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and the University of Oregon Student Record Policy, a student may elect to waive or not to waive the privilege of viewing this recommendation form. If the student has indicated on page 1 that she/he has waived access to this recommendation, please place the completed form in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. You can then return the recommendation via one of the options listed on page 2.

1. **Potential of the applicant** (check one)

☒ Exceptional ☐ High ☐ Adequate ☐ Low ☐ No basis for judgment

2. **Recommendation of this applicant for admission to the Educational Foundations major** (check one)

☒ Strongly recommend ☐ Generally recommend ☐ Recommend with reservations ☐ Do not recommend

3. **Applicant rating**

Please use check marks to rate the applicant on the qualities below. This table identifies the abilities needed for success in the Educational Foundations major. The recommendations that we find most useful expand on what skills, attitudes, and specific assignments that have produced the grades on the transcript and your numerical evaluation.

Ability/Characteristic	Exceptional	Good	Average	Poor	Not Observed
Intellectual potential	X				
Creativity and original thought	X				
Judgment and maturity	X				
Motivation and productivity	X				
Oral communication skills					X
Written communication skills	X				
Initiative					X
Response to criticism		X			
Personal accountability and integrity	X				
Open-mindedness	X				

4. **Required recommendation letter**

We are looking for students who enjoy the challenge of intensive learning and demonstrate an ability to think and write critically. We seek students who convey their ideas clearly and contribute to discussions. Please attach a separate letter that describes specific examples of the applicant's intellectual and academic potential, including any personal characteristics as demonstrated in your class.

SIGNATURE: _____



DATE: _____

Please return this form and your letter of recommendation in one of the following ways:

1. Return directly to the student to include with their application. If the student waived their access to review your recommendation, please place in an envelope and seal and sign across the envelope seal.
2. From the UO campus, return via campus mail or in person to Keri Baker 124 Lokey Education (EDST)
3. Mail to: Keri Baker
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