



2016-17 Special Recommendation

A supplement to the Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) Scholarship Application for the Ford Scholars or Ford Opportunity Scholarship Program

Applicant's Information

Last Name **Berge** First Name **Tamara** MI **N** OSAC App# **43793** Date of Request **2/23/2017**
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Reference's Information

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Please respond to the questions below (300 character limit for each response).

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

I had the pleasure of having Tamara (Gould) Berge as a students in four of my history courses at LCC, from the Fall of 2013 until most recently in the Spring of 2016. She completed the 3-term sequence in United States history and also took one online class on the History of the Vietnam War.

2. Describe any circumstances that could explain why the applicant's GPA/GED does not reflect his or her academic potential.

In short, the circumstances are simple, yet far reaching. Having know her by two different last names, Berge and Gould, a relationship issue was involved. And this is above and beyond the challenges of being a single mother and returning to school to further her education. I commend her for it.

3. Why do you feel this applicant is ready to commit to a full-time, on-campus college experience? What barriers might hinder the applicant's success?

She has been working towards the goal of being a full-time student for quite some time. In all of the courses she has taken with me, Tamara earned above average grades, and this is important, given her situation. I am certain that a scholarship would alleviate all financial barriers to her success.

4. a) Please rate the applicant on a scale from 1 (Low) to 10 (High) for the following characteristics (rate NA if no basis for judgement):

Academic Potential: **8** Communication Skills: **8** Leadership: **0** Adaptability: **9** Work Ethic: **8**

b) Comment on your ratings: (300 character limit, including spaces)

Students like Tamara Berge have a renewed motivation to succeed in their academic pursuits, having taken their "first" (unsuccessful) attempt for granted. She came to my classes prepared, asked appropriate questions, and maintained a positive academic attitude in her coursework and dealings with me.

☒ I attest to the integrity of this information and if requested, I agree to verify that I am the person who wrote this reference.