

***When your student fills out and submits his/her application for the scholarship, the system will automatically generate an email with the letter below with instructions on how to upload and submit your letter of recommendation.***

Your student is applying for a full tuition scholarship specifically designated for students who will major in Classics (Latin & Greek) at the College of the Holy Cross and s/he has named you as a recommender. We would like you to provide a confidential letter of recommendation and a summary of the Classics curriculum at your school.

#### **Our selection process**

We look for overall academic excellence, and particular achievement in Latin and/or Greek (if Greek is offered in your curriculum, which is not the norm). While we consider high school grades and scores (Latin AP and Subject Test) to evaluate a student's application, we are also seeking talented students who bring a special passion to the study of Classics, and who will enjoy learning in a welcoming department within a Jesuit, liberal arts college. Recipients of these scholarships have regularly gone on to highly successful careers in medicine, law, computer science, accounting, teaching in Classics and other disciplines.

Your role as a recommender is vitally important. We would like you to comment candidly on the courses in Latin and/or Greek that your student has taken, and the precise subject matter the courses covered; what you perceive as student's academic strengths and weaknesses; her/his work ethic; her/his resilience in the face of new challenges; leadership potential; and any other notable qualities that you think would make your student a strong candidate for a Classics scholarship at Holy Cross.

#### **Classics curriculum summary**

It is helpful to us if you can provide a summary of your curriculum. Specifically, we would like to know the following:

- § How many years of language study you are able to offer any given year
- § The titles of any textbooks you use
- § Any authors that you offer in the original languages for your more advanced courses
- § Tutorials you have offered when there is not enough enrollment for a regular class
- § Any other information that you want to share about your curriculum

#### **Useful links**

[Our unique Classics program](#)

[Information about our scholarships](#)

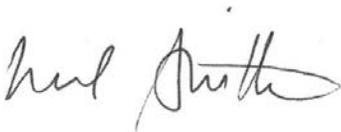
[Link for your recommendation form and curriculum summary](#)

If you have any questions about our Classics program or our scholarships, please contact our Academic Coordinator, Karen Harney (kharney@holycross.edu).

On behalf of the entire Classics Department, I would like to thank you for teaching and mentoring your student and all the other Classics students you work with at your school.

We deeply value our shared commitment to keeping Classics alive and thriving.

Gratefully,



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