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Coquitlam, BC V3H1L8
November 23, 2016

Ms. Pat Gillis, Director
BC Children's Hospital Volunteering Resources
4480 Oak Street
Vancouver, BC V6H 3N1

Dear Ms. Pat Gillis,

SUBJECT: Reference Letter Request

I hope everything is well with you and all the team members at BC Children's Hospital. I am applying for admission at UBC for the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program this upcoming application cycle and am incredibly excited because this has been a benchmark goal of mine for many years now. Consequently, this is definitely a big step for me in the right path of achieving my goals. I am writing to ask if you could potentially write a reference letter for me to use as a part of my application process.

From the first moment I stepped into your office as a first year student for an orientation to this past week when I came to you for help on the methods I should use to run the last portion of the newly revised orientation sessions, you have been helping me grow as a person. I came to BC Children's Hospital to gain some valuable experience working with sick children; however, I have received much more than just that. I have learned so much about quality work and dedication while working for you and eventually with you at BC Children's Hospital; therefore, I would appreciate if you could reflect that by providing me with a reference as I continue my dental school application process. As I mentioned earlier last month, I will always make sure to give you prior notice, as I am right now, so that you can effectively prepare to write a reference letter or to be contacted by future assessors of my applications.

There are no requirements on what should be included in the reference letter; however, it is highly recommended to include the specific skills I possess that will strengthen my application in pursuing a career in paediatric dentistry. Thus, since you are someone who knows me best and has seen how I interact with children in medical settings, you were the first person that came to mind as one of my best possible reference choices. Having said that, I know you are extremely busy right now with the new orientation sessions BCCH is hosting for Emergency volunteers, so please do not hesitate to let me know if you are unable to write the reference letter. It would be completely fine if you do not have the time for it. I do not want to put any pressure on you in any way.

Thank you for your help through this process. I am truly grateful. I will drop by your office this Sunday morning before my shift to discuss this further for just a few minutes. If you have any questions prior to that or would like to contact me, you can reach me through email at arash_farhadian@hotmail.com or by phone at 778-255-7363.

Sincerely,



Arash Farhadian

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Mr. Selwyn Tam
Port Moody Secondary School
300 Albert Street,
Vancouver, BC V6H 3N1

Dear Mr. Tam,

SUBJECT: Reference Letter Request

I hope everything is going well with you and all the other staff at Port Moody Secondary School. I am currently in the process of applying for the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program at UBC. This has been a goal of mine for a very long time. Therefore, I am very excited for where life takes me next. I am writing to you to request a reference letter that could strengthen my application and get me one step closer to reaching my goals. Thanks to you, the last time you wrote me a reference letter, I was given the opportunity to be placed into my current degree in computer science, which is a highly competitive program at UBC. Consequently, a potential reference letter from you can once again prove to be very effective.

I want to thank you for all you have done for me in the last eight years. From the very beginning of high school you believed in me and gave me the opportunity to succeed in a sport I really loved. You are someone who I have looked up to for a very long time. During the four years I wrestled at Port Moody Secondary, I learned a lot; however, my learning did not stop there as you gave me the opportunity to be an assistant coach upon graduation. During the last four years as assistant coach, I have been able to develop into a better leader and have strengthened my interaction and communication skills with teenagers. These are certainly skills that will be beneficial to me in the field of paediatric dentistry. It would be great if you could include in the reference letter, some of my greatest attributes when working with high school students.

I will be at practice Wednesday next week, so we can definitely discuss this further if need be. I though it would be a good idea to give you a heads up beforehand. Furthermore, I wanted to mention that if for any reason you are unable to write me a reference letter, please do not hesitate to let me know. I know you are very busy with the season already under way, so the last thing I would want is to cause you any trouble.

Thank you for your help through this process. I am truly grateful. If you have any questions or would like to contact me, you can reach me through email at arash_farhadian@hotmail.com or by phone at 778-255-7363.

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Dr. Lara El-Khatib
The University of British Columbia Faculty of Education
2125 Main Mall
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Dear Dr. Lara El-Khatib,

SUBJECT: Reference Letter Request

I hope things are going well with you and your colleagues who are now in charge of some additional new courses at UBC. My name is Arash Farhadian and I am a third year student studying Computer Science at UBC. I have taken EPSE 406 and EPSE 449 with you in the past and I am currently enrolled in your ECED 439 class. I have really enjoyed all the three courses I have taken with you. One of the main reasons I value all these classes so much is due to the fact that they mostly focus on children and their development in various settings. For this reason, I would like to ask you for a reference letter to include in my application for admission to the Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) program at UBC. I believe a reference letter from you would strengthen my application, as I am pursuing a career in paediatric surgery. It has always been a goal for me to pursue a career in paediatric medicine, which is why I am so excited as well as a little nervous about this application.

In the past, I have never asked any of my online course professors for references because it is often harder to make a good connection with a professor that I have never seen before; however, due to the effectiveness of the structure of the online classes I have taken with you, my mindset has changed. The discussion board aspects of the three courses were very helpful in getting me to connect with everyone in the course including yourself. Interacting with kids is something that happens on a daily basis; therefore, being able to learn so much from you in these courses has been very beneficial to me. While working with you, I have learned so much about children from an educational perspective rather than the usual practical experiences I am used to; therefore, I would appreciate if you could highlight this fact in the reference letter.

I know you are very busy in the following couple of months, as you are teaching five courses. Therefore, the last thing I want to do is cause you any type of trouble. If you are unable to provide me with a reference letter for any reason, please do not hesitate to let me know. I would completely understand if this is the case. In order to discuss this further, I am also available this upcoming week to set up a meeting with you.

Thank you for your help through this process. I am truly grateful. If you have any questions or would like to contact me, you can reach me through email at arash_farhadian@hotmail.com or by phone at 778-255-7363.

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