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Scholarship Recommendation Form

Instructions: Thank you for being a recommender for the PCAFPD scholarship. Recommendations are used as part of the selection process. Please type your information below and provide a digital copy to the applicant for submission. Hand written responses will not be accepted.

Recommender Information

Name: MARIA CLEOFE FAMILIAR-OMILA Relationship to applicant: SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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Applicant Information: Use additional pages as needed

Name: Jacob Keian Lawas Current School: Bantolinao National High School

Recommendation

I am pleased to recommend Jacob Keain Lawas, a Grade 12 learner of Bantolinao National High School, for the PCAFPD Scholarship Program. As his School Principal, I have had the opportunity to observe his growth and development as a learner, student leader, and active member of the community.

Jacob comes from a single-parent family of seven children, and he is the youngest. His mother, who has raised and supported her children on her own, works in housekeeping to provide for the family. Despite their limited financial resources and the challenges faced by his family, Jacob has remained determined to pursue his education and has continued to excel in both academics and leadership. His circumstances have not prevented him from developing his talents and actively contributing to his school and community.

Jacob currently serves as the President of the Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) of Bantolinao National High School. In this role, he has demonstrated responsibility, initiative, teamwork, and genuine concern for the welfare of his fellow learners. He actively participates in school activities and encourages his peers to become involved in programs that contribute to the school community.

His leadership also extends beyond the school. Jacob is an active member of the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) of the Municipality of Antequera, where he participates in youth-related activities and community initiatives. His involvement demonstrates his commitment to community service and his willingness to use his time and abilities to contribute to the development of fellow young people and the wider community.

Jacob has also demonstrated strong academic performance and a commitment to excellence. He has participated in and won several competitions both in school and in the community. In addition, he possesses a talent for the arts, where he has demonstrated creativity and skill. His accomplishments reflect his determination, discipline, and ability to balance his academic responsibilities with his leadership and community involvement.

What particularly stands out in Jacob is his leadership potential and commitment to service despite the challenges he faces at home. His experiences have helped him develop resilience, responsibility,

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compassion, and a strong sense of purpose. He has shown that he is willing to work hard for his education while also giving his time and talents to others.

Considering his financial circumstances, academic performance, leadership experience, community involvement, and demonstrated potential, I believe Jacob is a deserving candidate for the PCAFPD Scholarship Program. This scholarship would provide meaningful support toward his pursuit of higher education and would allow him to further develop his abilities and continue contributing to his community.

I am pleased to recommend Jacob Keain Lawas for the PCAFPD Scholarship Program and sincerely hope that his application will be given favorable consideration.

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