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To Whom It May Concern:

It is imperative that we give our young people every possible advantage in a highly competitive world. Scholarships are becoming more and more competitive and it is becoming increasingly difficult to help our students stand out. A major criterion for winning scholarships is volunteer work. It is for this reason that we wish to implement an Outstanding Volunteer Letter. This letter would be the same letter given to student athletes. It would require the student to perform two hundred hours of service in four years of high school. The two hundred hours of service could be completed with any government agency or non-profit organization. The only hours that would not count are hours spent in trying to change a person's or a group's religious or political beliefs. For example the hours that a church group spends in building a Habitat for Humanity Home would count but teaching Sunday school would not.

A committee would be formed from an Associate Principal, a Counselor, and the Key Club Advisor to oversee the awarding of the letters. It will be the final decision of the committee to determine if the service provided meets the spirit of the award. A written letter from the organization that received the service would be needed to verify the hours worked by the recipient. The letters would be placed in the students file along with a copy of the award certificate.

It is my hope that you give this proposal your full consideration. It is designed to recognize those individuals that do the greatest of work, giving of themselves to others.

Sincerely,

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