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Vice President for Enrollment Management  
Stetson University  
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Dear Vice President:

I would like to recommend Katherine Elizabeth Curtis for the J. Ollie Edmunds Distinguished Merit Scholarship. She is a most outstanding student, qualified on numerous grounds as an excellent well-rounded leader and will prove to be a great asset to the school and student body at Stetson University. She is graduating this year with a 4.0 GPA and a 1590 SAT score. This has been achieved by her natural intellectual abilities, high ambitions to achieve, undaunting perseverance, and tenacious desire to learn. All of these, I am sure, shall prove to be the necessary qualities to achieve academic excellence at your school.

For her to be successful outside the classroom, however, more than just perfect grades will be needed. Let me take just a moment to enumerate her qualities. Her academic excellence is only exceeded by her character. Heavily involved in her church, she expresses deep devotion to both God and people. She regularly serves others, seeking to place their needs above her own. She spends time counseling and caring for both teens and young adults, as even those her senior openly seek her out for help. Integrity marks her every decision. "Honesty is the **only** policy" is the adage she adheres to.

Katherine has also long been involved in numerous co- and extra-curricular activities including drama, chorus, ballet and hip-hop. Her daily exercise routine enables her to stay in excellent condition for these dance activities. In eighth grade, she placed second in the Florida Regional Math Counts competition with participation from nearly thirty middle schools, each having four to eight team members.

Her cheerful disposition and sweet nature endears her to both young and old alike. She regularly leads the nursery and elementary children in her church. Her classes love her and look forward to her teaching them. Her godly character has established her amongst her peers and adults of all ages. I am sure that her enrollment at Stetson University will greatly strengthen her to be the success she is destined to become, in addition to serving the institution as not only a representative of its academic excellence but also a catalyst of servant leadership.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael Sinclair Curtis  
Principle, Lighthouse Academy Home School