



## Cottonwood Colts

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is a distinct pleasure to recommend Collin Olsen, a senior at Cottonwood High School, for Social Studies Sterling Scholar.

Collin is, in my judgment, one of the finest young men and contributors to our high school this year. What separates Collin from others is his outstanding commitment to his high school, his companions and the general tone of "civic" responsibility and pride he manifests at Cottonwood High School.

Collin is an outstanding leader, organizer and spirited young man. Collin's entire school career has demonstrated his academic excellence. Collin is enrolled in Honors and A.P. courses in the areas of English, History, Science and Math at Cottonwood High School. He is a two year member of our school's National Honors Society and currently serves as president of our school's French Club. As a result of his superior achievements, he has been awarded the honor of Sterling Scholar in Social Studies from our school and will go on to compete on a regional and state level with his peers from other schools. As our Sterling Scholar, Collin competed with four other qualified senior students from our school to win this honor. His critical thinking skills, writing skills and a good background of historical detail in American and World History put Collin ahead of the other candidates to win our Social Studies nomination for Sterling Scholar. Collin has what teachers love most: intellectual curiosity. He constantly strives to write better essays and do his best on all projects, assignments, and exams. Collin is also a member of our school's award-winning MESA club and he has won numerous academic and service honors throughout his high school career. Collin has served as a peer tutor, volunteer with community hunger organizations, and volunteers with organizations that fundraise for children's health services. When Collin makes a commitment, he keeps it. His hard working attitude also serves to inspire others around him. He not only keeps himself motivated, but he gives constant, positive reinforcement to his peers.

Collin is one of the most vigorous, enthusiastic and versatile students I know. He pursues everything that he does with unbounded enthusiasm: studying, extracurricular activities, and service. Collin has gained from our school the good that comes from experiencing intellectual variety and social diversity. This awareness has imbued him with outstanding personal qualities: integrity, poise, charm, sensitivity, leadership.

As Collin's high school AP European History teacher, I must add that he is possessed of technical competence, motivation, effort, originality, and clarity of expression. I wholeheartedly recommend Collin Olsen for Social Studies Sterling Scholar.

Sincerely,

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Social Studies Teacher

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