

February 15, 20xx

Dear Sir or Madam:

Student X has asked me to provide a letter of recommendation in support of her medical school application and I am happy to comply. X was a student in my organic chemistry laboratory section in the fall semester of 20xx and is currently in my lab section again this semester. X was a capable student in the lab. She was always prepared and was quite meticulous. She had a tendency to maximize her laboratory time, often hanging around to update her laboratory notebook or run additional trials of her experiment.

One characteristic that set X apart from others in the lab was her independence. While some of her classmates would frequently ask questions to bolster their confidence on a certain step of the procedure, X had the wherewithal to proceed on her own. She was equally adept at working with a partner as she was at working alone. In circumstances where X was paired with another student, I noticed that X often took the initiative.

X is quite articulate and commands a strong presence. It is no wonder that she was recently chosen as a resident adviser (RA) at her college. She was quite enthusiastic about her selection as an RA and about the opportunities she will have to help her fellow students.

X and I also spoke a little about medical school once while waiting for a reaction to proceed. I sensed that her desire to become a physician was genuine and I am pleased to recommend her without reservation.

Sincerely,

Thomas Poon
Associate Professor of Chemistry