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To Whom It May Concern,

Marklynn Bazy is an English teacher at Ozark Adventist Academy, a parochial boarding high school located in northwest Arkansas. Our student population has a diverse ethnic background and comes from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, California, and some internationally. The majority of students are lower-middle-class and middle-class students with most all receiving financial-based scholarships in order to attend.

Ms. Bazy uses her international teaching experience and travels to engage her students to think outside of the world in which they live and interact. She continually strives to engage students to think in terms of time, place, historical context, and culture. Ms. Bazy is always looking to expand her breadth of subject area knowledge whether she is watching a play or attending a national conference or webinar. She uses her summers to broaden her insight to help students have a better understanding of the complexity of issues surrounding them.

This year Ms. Bazy brought in the son of a Holocaust victim to speak about his family's experiences and then she took her class to a Holocaust museum and Jewish Cultural Center all because of resources she discovered at a seminar. Her class studied literature and art from WWI and visited the National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City because of a summer institute she had been a part of. I know that her students and classroom will benefit greatly from her attendance at the NEH Summer Institute "Making Holocaust and Genocide Education Relevant Through Inquiry and Classroom Application".

Thank you so much for your time and consideration of Marklynn Bazy's application.

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Robert Fetters
Principal
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