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Dear Scoutmaster Chris Schultz,

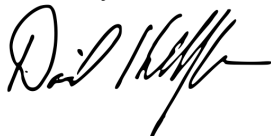
I am writing to you in reference to a request from Luke Killeffer, seeking a parental recommendation for the rank of Eagle Scout. I have watched Luke closely from his earliest days in Cub Scouts (as I know you have as well), and it has been my privilege to help guide him along the Scouting path.

Luke has grown tremendously throughout his experiences with Abington Pack 11 (now combined into merged Abington Pack 41), and then with Abington Troop 41. He has had several challenges along the way, not the least of which is a mixed-receptive language-based learning disorder, which has made many tasks extremely difficult for Luke. Luke's disability is such that making and keeping friends is a real struggle due to his troubles understanding others, and his own challenges of adequately expressing himself. Despite these and other difficult things that Luke contends with on a daily basis, he is generally a very happy and upbeat young man, and one that truly does enjoy helping others. Luke loves Scouts and Scouting, and he has been fortunate enough to have some excellent adult leaders guiding and teaching him over the years, and I believe the lessons that have been taught have absolutely taken root within him.

As a father of six children, I have come to rely on Luke to be an ad-hoc, last-minute babysitter for his younger siblings quite often, and I have put a lot of trust in Luke. When I ask Luke to complete a task, he is dependable in getting the job done. If I were to select the three traits of the Scout Law that I believe Luke exemplifies best, it would be "trustworthy", "kind", and "cheerful"; all the characteristics that any parent would wish for their son.

Luke has taken on several leadership roles within the troop, including Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and most recently, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. When Troop 41 was presented with an opportunity to attend a high-adventure trip to Florida SeaBase, I was initially both hopeful that Luke could attend but apprehensive due to the cost. Using this chance as a teachable moment, I encouraged Luke to get a job to pay his own way, and he worked an entire summer at BSA Camp Resolute, working several jobs and saving more than enough to pay for his entire trip by himself. He continued to save up by babysitting two young children in our neighborhood, a job which he has continued to do for several years. I believe that Luke is an exemplary Scout, and one that is deserving of earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sincerely,



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Abington Troop 41 Secretary  
Father of Luke Killeffer