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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm delighted to recommend Kyra Chen to be a recipient of the Exhibitor/Participant Scholarship through the Don Diego Foundation.

I have been Kyra's main private lesson figure skating instructor at Icetown Carlsbad for five years and have known her for seven years. She began skating at seven years old. In the years I have taught her, I have had the opportunity to observe her in a diversity of situations.

Kyra has demonstrated an incredible work ethic, determination, perseverance, discipline, time management and many other positive attributes. I've been coaching over 34 years, and Kyra is truly exceptional.

Kyra achieved her Gold Medal through the United States Figure Skating Association in 2021. There are eight levels to attaining the Gold Medal, and less than one percent of the skaters that begin figure skating make it to the final level. Kyra had to retry her fifth level once and the Gold level took her three times in front of National judges in order to pass. I admire her determined mental strength and perseverance. Not every person has the strength to continue after setbacks.

In addition to achieving her Gold Medal, Kyra has competed Nationally with a synchronized skating team named Team Del Sol. She began team skating at eight years old and gets along well with other athletes. This helped her to strengthen her cooperation and team building skills.

I also have had the privilege to watch Kyra begin her coaching career. She was hired as a "Junior Coach" at Icetown Carlsbad recently. Prior to that she was an assistant for group classes for several years. Kyra takes initiative in helping new skaters, lends a helpful hand to Senior Coaches and is very encouraging to younger children following her footsteps. Junior Coaching has highlighted her natural leadership abilities.

I would describe Kyra as kind hearted, extremely intelligent, hard working, determined, disciplined and very persistent. She is a lovely person and very deserving of this scholarship. Kyra is definitely someone who is making this world a better place!

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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