

Youth Ambassador Program with Canada State University of New York, Plattsburg

March 14, 2019

Re: Emmy Curtis

I am delighted to write this letter of reference on behalf of Emmy Curtis in support of her application to participate in this year's Youth Ambassador's Program with Canada.

I have known Emmy since 2016. She is an exceptional young lady who came to my attention when she participated in the BC Summer Games Abbotsford 2016. Emmy is a pleasant, intelligent and determined person with natural leadership abilities. She is a perfect match for the objectives of the Ambassador Program.

Emmy served as a Host Volunteer to assist guests at the Games. She displayed maturity, responsibility and enthusiasm in her role. Volunteering in the BC Summer Games was very good for Emmy and allowed her to grow and to develop her talents. The Chair of Volunteer Services was extremely pleased with her work.

Emmy was also an athlete participant in the Games. She played for the Fraser Valley basketball team – an elite team selected by tryouts from a very competitive field. Achieving this status speaks to Emmy's well-rounded nature. On the court, she displayed her intensity, drive and leadership against talented teams from across our vast province.

Perhaps the most inspirational role she played in the BC Summer Games was to be selected as a torch bearer for the opening ceremonies. What a credit to her to be selected from among many other deserving athletes to perform such a symbolic task. Before no fewer than ten thousand spectators, Emmy proudly ran the torch the final leg of the journey and ignited the cauldron to mark the opening!

I have no doubt that Emmy would be an ideal candidate for the Youth Ambassador Program. She will contribute greatly to fostering mutual understandings, to building her leadership skills and to making a difference in her community as a result. She will make a wonderful ambassador for her country and do Canada and British Columbia proud with our great American neighbors.

Sincerety,

Steve Carlton

Past President, BC Summer Games Abbotsford 2016.