

DEAR Selection Committee;

I am writing in support of Andrew P. Hendry's application for the position of ..... Before I say anything else, I would like to note that Andrew is intelligent<sup>1</sup>, hard working, organized, and handsome<sup>2</sup>.

I have known Andrew since his birth<sup>3</sup>. I can honestly say, without any bias, that he has always been a GOOD BOY. He, usually, did his homework, kept his room clean and helped with the vacuuming and the dishes. He and his brother only fought now and then and they only put one hole in a wall and broke only one door. His choice of music was a little odd, but he never played it too loud in my presence. And, although he had long hair for awhile, he has never had an earring.

I must say I am a bit disappointed that his ambition is to be a professor at some (insert far north, outback, deep south, backwoods or other appropriate term) college when he could have settled in Edmonton (near his mother). Also, it would have been nice if he could have settled on a job where he would earn a decent salary. I never have understood his interest in slimy creatures with fins, but I have always encouraged him to develop his interests, however bizarre.

He and his girlfriend, Heather, will be an asset to your (university, college, school), although I do wish they would hurry up and get married and start having my grandchildren.

Sincerely,

Andrew's one and only mother

<sup>1</sup> Samples of Andrew's writing from Kindergarten through Grade 12 are enclosed.

<sup>2</sup> Photographs of Andrew from his birth to the present are enclosed.

<sup>3</sup> Complete genealogy available on request.

*This letter was written by Alice Hendry (Andrew's Mom) in response to the accompanying application letter.*