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Austin Peay State University Admissions Department

Dear Admissions Committee,

I write to you today to offer my full support for admission of Ms. Sharon Edwards.

I have known Sharon for the past five years and have observed her in several different capacities within our community. She is one of those rare individuals that is connected to many efforts across our community in Clarksville and Montgomery County where she creates positive impact for others.

Her efforts as a businesswoman are a great example to others on how to leverage skills and personal interest to support the well-being of others. This has been best exemplified in her work with the non-profit organization, I Am Invisible Bullying and Suicide. Her work to care for, educate, and shepherd many of the children in our community, some lacking stable parental role models, is truly inspirational. Her drive, commitment to others, and willingness to tackle the difficult and challenging problems our community faces is what gives me confidence that our community is in good hands.

As a public speaker, Sharon brings that same passion to others. I have watched her shape, mentor, and guide college students in numerous leadership development sessions. Her ability to communicate effectively on difficult topics is a testament to her connection to our youth. No topic is off limits. No problem is too big. Her ability to navigate these complicated discussions fosters a great amount of trust and willingness to move in a positive direction from many of our youth.

Sharon's academic success to this point is impressive. Currently holding a 3.92 GPA, with a total of 58 credit hours, from Fisk University, while working and volunteering, is impressive and indicative of the academic ability to succeed in her pursuits at Austin Peay State University.

It is my strong belief that Sharon will not only succeed academically while at Austin Peay State University but that her fellow students will greatly benefit from her presence in the classroom. She has never met a stranger and her natural ability to pull the best from others will greatly enhance the learning environment within your classrooms.

If there is anything further that I can offer in helping you fully appreciate who Sharon Edwards is, please feel free to reach out to me at [scott.e.brower@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:scott.e.brower@vanderbilt.edu) or (813) 317-8660.

Very sincerely,



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