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DATE: July 11, 2005
TO: Future Employers
FROM: Dr. Leslie A. Duram (Mom) 
RE: Recommendation for Zacc Harris

You would be lucky to hire a musician and instructor of the caliber of Zacc Harris. He has taught guitar to my 8 year old son for 9 months, and it's been an excellent experience. I actually do sit in the lesson room (ya—I'm a pushy Mom, and I want to know what my son should practice each week!) and so I've seen Zacc's excellent teaching skills in action.

Zacc is patient with his students (even fidgeting 8 year old boys!) and Zacc is very enthusiastic about his love of all types of music. He teaches all the basics, and he also lets students tailor their lessons to meet their own interests. My son wanted to learn a reggae song, so they worked on that one week; the next week might be blues, or bluegrass, or rock. It's wonderful that Zacc is so flexible and that he can inspire his students to want to learn more! Most important, Zacc treats my son like an aspiring guitar player and not just a kid... this is a really big deal to my 8 year old. Zacc will say: "Good job, now try this..." when he's giving a lesson. This is much more encouraging than just shouting "No! Wrong!" Zacc's teaching methods **are positive** and give my son **confidence in his playing**. My favorite lesson was when my son was playing some blues tune and Zacc said "Ya, nice and chill, you got the groove. **Good job.**" My son was **very happy to be treated like a "real guitar player"**-- and he practiced more the next week!

In summary, you should hire Zacc because he's a great teacher and he'll inspire his students. If you have any questions, give me a call.

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