

January 15, 2025

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to submit this recommendation for Jacob Miziko as he applies for scholarship opportunities. My first introduction to Jacob was in March 2020, while he was still in the Marine Corps. As an incoming fall student, Jacob stayed in close contact with me to ensure he understood as much about EMU as possible prior to his arrival. We discussed registration, business majors, academic advising, financial aid, GI Bill, etc. Throughout the summer, he demonstrated that he was eager to seize control of his education by preparing for it as completely as possible.

Statistically, Jacob's chances of university success as a first-generation, non-traditional student who hadn't been in a classroom in 4 years were not promising, especially considering he began his experience at the height of our Covid restrictions. However, he landed on the Dean's list in his first semester. Since then, he has attended every semester, including summers, and earned a final GPA of 3.23 in the College of Business. As further evidence of his desire to make the most out of his university education, Jacob took advantage of the Study Abroad Program and participated in Hispanic and International Business Marketing Studies.

Academically, Jacob experienced a damaging setback in the Fall 2023 semester. During that time, he was struggling with alcohol addiction, and although he completed all his coursework, he spent significant time seeking help to overcome this. Although this process of recovery took a toll on his grades, it offered him insights into the helping professions that he had not been exposed to previously. The result was his inquiry into the field of social work.

Last year, Jacob applied to the MSW program at Wayne State University. In his first semester there, he achieved a 3.83 GPA. That sort of academic performance is an accurate reflection of what he is capable of.

On a personal level, I have found Jacob to be open, sincere, and polite. He presents himself well, keeping a very neat appearance, a positive demeanor, and an engaging personality. I believe Jacob will be completely successful in any undertaking. He possesses the drive to complete anything he begins and the interpersonal skills to perform well in any team effort. Further, based on his energy level and ability to achieve excellence, I believe any investment in his education will be well worth your effort.

Sincerely,



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