

To Whom It May Concern:

Gray Bashew is an extraordinary individual who combines intelligence, hard work, talent, and people skills in one seamless package. He even makes it look effortless.

I first became aware of Gray when he showed up as a student in my Creative Production Skills course, and he distinguished himself as the most exceptional student in his class. As I got to know Gray, I was often delighted and amazed to discover new talents and skills that he had tucked away---indicating an exceptional mind full of creative and intellectual curiosity.

I have had the opportunity to work with Gray in the recording studio, where he exudes a confidence and competence that inspires others to do their best work. Gray is a talented music technologist, drummer, multi-instrumentalist, singer, composer, producer and engineer, who holds himself to the highest levels of professionalism. He is also blessed with a refreshing sense of humor, and while he is a serious human being, he doesn't take himself too seriously.

I personally nominated Gray for a prestigious achievement-based scholarship within the Music Production and Engineering program at Berklee, and his nomination was supported with enthusiasm from all professors who were familiar with Gray and his work. The MP&E department is the most selective, competitive major at the college; being singled out for this recognition is a major achievement. Previous recipients have gone on to stellar careers in the industry.

In his final semester at Berklee, Gray was a member of my Advanced Production Projects seminar, while simultaneously holding down a job teaching music production, performance, and life skills to inner-city youth. It was a marvel to see the way in which Gray was enriching the lives of these kids, and how much the experience was also enriching Gray's life. Gray knows both how to lead, and how to be a part of a creative team, and is frequently the eye of calm in the potential storm of ensuing deadlines and difficult tasks.

While I write dozens of recommendations every year, I seldom get the opportunity to write a recommendation for anyone whom I can recommend as highly as Gray Bashew. I congratulate you for attracting this truly outstanding level of applicant!

Sincerely,

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