

September 15, 2025

To the Dr. Charles Mitchell Jr. Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to write this letter in support of Timber Day and her application for the Dr. Charles Mitchell Jr. Scholarship. As a friend of more than 25 years, I've had the privilege of witnessing Timber's incredible journey as an educator, professional, and lifelong learner. Her pursuit of a Doctorate in Education is a natural extension of the deep commitment she has shown to improving not only herself, but the lives of those around her.

Timber is the kind of person who leads with both heart and vision. Her dedication to education is rooted in a belief that learning should be empowering, inclusive, and transformative. Over the years, I've seen her navigate challenges with grace, mentor others with compassion, and consistently seek out ways to serve her community. Not for recognition, but because it's simply who she is.

Professionally, Timber is a dedicated educator and a strategic thinker who aspires to become a School Superintendent. This goal is a natural next step for someone with her leadership, vision, and values. Timber understands that systems level change is key to achieving equity in education, and she is determined to use her voice and experience to shape more inclusive and effective educational environments for all students.

What sets Timber apart is not just her impressive qualifications or academic discipline, it's her unwavering commitment to being a force for good in both education and the broader community. The Dr. Charles Mitchell Jr. Scholarship is designed to support individuals who exemplify leadership, perseverance, and a desire to uplift others. Timber is the embodiment of these values, and I can think of no one more deserving of this opportunity.

I fully support Timber Day's application and encourage you to consider her not just for what she has already accomplished, but for the lasting impact she is certain to make as an educational leader and advocate for change. Please feel free to contact me if at crmcneil@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding her character or past work.

Sincerely,

Cornell McNeil