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National Alliance of Black School Education  
ATTN: NABSE Scholarship Committee

Dear Members of the Scholarship Committee,

It is with great honor and conviction that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Ms. Jessica Brister, who is seeking financial assistance as she pursues her Ph.D. in Education from Louisiana State University. I have had the privilege of witnessing Jessica's journey as a transformative leader in public education, and I wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy for this esteemed scholarship.

From the classroom to the district office, Jessica has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to advancing equity and academic excellence. As a teacher, she fostered inclusive learning environments where her students not only achieved measurable academic gains but also developed the confidence to see themselves as scholars. As a school administrator, she led with vision and compassion, implementing programs that directly addressed achievement gaps and created opportunities for historically underserved populations. Now, as a district leader, she continues to shape policy and practice, ensuring that Black and Brown students receive the resources, support, and rigorous instruction they deserve.

What makes Jessica truly extraordinary is her unwavering dedication to those who have been systematically marginalized in public education. Her career has been centered on uplifting students who are too often overlooked—children from underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown students who face structural inequities. Jessica has not only raised expectations but has also built systems of support that empower these students to excel academically and thrive personally. Her leadership has produced significant, documented gains in student performance and has inspired educators around her to reimagine what is possible.

Jessica's work speaks for itself. She is a proven change agent who embodies the very mission of NABSE: to enhance and facilitate the education of all students, especially those of African descent. By pursuing her Ph.D., Jessica seeks not only to deepen her

own expertise but also to expand her impact, shaping the future of public education on a broader scale.

I am confident that Jessica Brister is precisely the type of scholar and leader the NABSE Scholarship was designed to support. Her intellect, passion, and proven track record of transformative leadership make her an ideal candidate. I strongly urge you to grant her this opportunity, as the investment in Jessica is ultimately an investment in the countless students whose lives she continues to touch.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

With highest regards,

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