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To Whom it May Concern,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that a student at your school is a member of the Youth Equestrian Development Association (YEDA). YEDA is a National organization with a mission that includes providing instructional and experiential learning opportunities for students in grades 4-12. In addition to the development of riders' skills, YEDA emphasizes exposure to scholarship opportunities and provides riders with connections to college and university equestrian programs.

As you are likely aware, student-athletes are among the most successful students academically. We would like to propose that our organization members be recognized student-athletes and be afforded the same support as other student-athletes participating in school-sponsored events. YEDA competitions are typically on weekends and do not interfere with the school day, but we are pleased to share that _____ has qualified for the YEDA National Championship Show, which will require to him/her to be absent June 4 - 7, 2026. In addition to reinforcing positive character traits including hard work, determination, commitment, and actualizing personal goals, this is an excellent opportunity for our riders to interact and compete with equestrian athletes from across the country. Additionally, there will be several colleges and universities at the event to talk to students about scholarships and equestrian programs.

We are very proud of each of our Nationally qualified riders and hope that you will recognize this outstanding accomplishment by excusing the absence. Academic success is a high priority for every coach, parent, and rider associated with YEDA. As a result, we are committed to following up with riders to ensure that classwork and assignments missed on this date are accessed and completed to meet the expectations of the teacher/school. Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or to clarify the benefits of this amazing opportunity.

Sincerely,

YEDA Founders
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