

## Letter of Recommendation

To the Admissions Committee,

It is my distinct honor to recommend my outstanding student, Yu-hsi Chou, for admission to your esteemed university. I served as Yu-hsi's homeroom teacher during her first year at Taipei Municipal Chengyuan Senior High School and have been her instructor for Chinese Language and Literature for the past two years. Based on my close observation over this extended period, she is one of the most exceptional and well-rounded students I have encountered in my teaching career.

Yu-hsi has consistently demonstrated a rare combination of academic rigor and emotional maturity. In addition to her excellent academic performance, she was selected to serve as a teaching assistant (class helper) for the Chinese Language and Literature course, a role comparable to a subject-specific student teaching assistant. In this capacity, she proactively assisted with classroom organization, helped organize instructional materials, reminded classmates of academic responsibilities, and supported the smooth progression of lessons. She carried out these duties with remarkable attentiveness, reliability, and a strong sense of responsibility. Her own coursework and written assignments were consistently thorough, well-structured, and insightful, reflecting a level of academic discipline well beyond that of a typical high school student.

In my Chinese literature course, Yu-hsi also completed an impressive research project on Hsieh Chun-Mu, a prominent Taiwanese writer from the Japanese colonial period. Her work was systematically structured and supported by exhaustive research, demonstrating a high level of analytical and organizational skill. She effectively examined the historical context of Hsieh's writing while analyzing the realist nature of his works, highlighting their plain yet powerful language and their critical engagement with social realities. Her presentation reflected both intellectual depth and a serious scholarly attitude, far exceeding high school-level expectations.

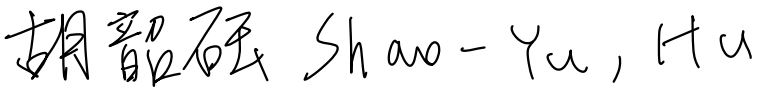
Beyond her academic accomplishments, Yu-hsi's leadership and organizational skills are truly exemplary. As the Chief Coordinator for the class uniform project, she managed the planning and execution process with maturity and composure. When disagreements arose regarding design concepts and color choices, she acted as a calm mediator, facilitating constructive discussion and organizing fair voting procedures to reach consensus. She also communicated professionally and effectively with vendors, ensuring that the project was completed on schedule and met high quality standards. Her leadership was further recognized when she was elected Vice Class Representative and unanimously nominated by her peers to represent the class in the school-wide Outstanding Student Competition, where her performance was widely commended.

Yu-hsi's commitment to personal growth extends beyond the classroom. As an active member of the volleyball club, she has participated in intensive training and numerous competitions, demonstrating excellent physical endurance, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Despite the demanding schedule of athletic commitments, she has consistently maintained outstanding academic performance through strong self-discipline and effective time-management skills. She works well within a team, respects discipline, and successfully transfers the resilience and focus developed through athletics into her academic pursuits.

In summary, Yu-hsi Chou is an exceptional applicant of outstanding character, intellectual curiosity, and leadership potential. She possesses the resilience to overcome challenges, the maturity to serve others, and the ability to thrive in a diverse academic environment. I give her my highest possible recommendation without reservation and firmly believe that she will be a valuable asset to your institution and continue to excel in her future academic endeavors.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information regarding her candidacy.

Sincerely,

Shao-Yu Hu  Shao-Yu, Hu  
Chinese Language and Literature Teacher

Homeroom Teacher (Grade 10)

Taipei Municipal Chengyuan Senior High School

shaoyu1129@cyhs.tp.edu.tw