

23 Applications: [Joel Mink](#)

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Joel Mink

Complete Recommendations

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Applicant Type

Student

In what year of school are you currently enrolled?

A&P Year 1

Which award are you applying for (check all that apply):

Aeronautical Repair Station Association \$1000 Scholarship, ARCS Aviation \$1,000 Scholarship, Aviation Supplies & Academics, Inc. \$1000 Scholarship, Aviation Workforce Solutions \$1,000 Scholarship, NRF FAA Test Fees Grant Award, Sonic Tools Intermediate Aviation Toolset

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Yes

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Essays (300 word minimum per question)

Explain why you are deserving of the award and how it would impact your future goals and ambitions.

I have wanted to pursue a career as an Aviation Maintenance Technician ever since my first flight in a Cessna 172 Skyhawk, at an Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Young Eagles fly-in event. I was amazed by all the gauges, and I wanted to know what each one was and how it made the plane fly. The pilot was very patient with me and explained what each instrument measured and why it was important. This experience sparked a desire inside me to learn the science behind how the various aircraft systems operate and how to maintain them, which has developed into my long-term career goal to be an Aviation Maintenance Technician.

To achieve my career goal as a FAA certified Aviation Maintenance Technician, I created the following set of educational goals for myself: to learn as much as I can about the field of general aviation, to earn my Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Private Pilot License (PPL) certificate, and to gain the post-secondary education necessary to earn my FAA Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) license. I knew each of these goals would be time-intensive and difficult, but also necessary to fulfill my career goal of becoming a well-rounded Aviation Maintenance Technician. I'm asking for this scholarship so that I can continue the third step in my career goal, to earn a degree from the Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program at the Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

My first goal, learning as much as possible about aviation, was started by me joining the Civil Air Patrol in August of 2017. My parents found the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) online, which teaches youth about aviation as one of its core missions. I joined the Boone County Cadet Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at 13 years old, and I immediately set out on my journey to learn about aviation through seeking out opportunities to get back up in the air. The Civil Air Patrol provides cadets with five free "orientation" flights, with each flight having an individual syllabus to teach specific aerospace lessons. I quickly completed my five orientation flights. The Civil Air Patrol pilots saw my enthusiasm towards aviation, and I was invited to sit in the back seat anytime that there was an open seat in the aircraft. I completed five "back seat" flights and am extremely grateful for these additional opportunities to spend time with these experienced aviators. I learned something new every time that I went up in the air with one of the CAP pilots.

In addition to my orientation flights, I have attempted to make the most of the CAP Aerospace Education program from the academic side as well. I have completed all six modules (courses) of the CAP Aerospace Education training, researched/presented numerous aerospace lessons to my fellow cadets, and was selected to serve as cadet staff (aerospace instructor) on the 2020-2021 Kentucky Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Board. I attended the 2019 Region Cadet Leadership Academy

(RCLS) held at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. I volunteered as a CAP Flight Line Marshaller at the 2021 EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI, where I earned the St. Alban's Cross for leadership.

I believe that I can be a much better Aviation Maintenance Technician if I understand the aircraft from the pilot's perspective, in addition to the standard mechanical troubleshooting methods. This led to my second goal, to earn my FAA Private Pilot License (PPL) through the Civil Air Patrol. I am honored to be the first cadet from Kentucky to be selected and complete the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Wings program, which selects cadets that show an aptitude towards aviation and provides free instruction to achieve their FAA Private Pilot License (PPL). I flew my first "solo" flight on 10/05/2021 and earned my PPL on 01/15/2022. In addition to my college studies, I am continuing my flying by attempting to earn my instrument rating. This hands-on experience with airplanes has given me great opportunities to ask the on-site aircraft maintenance staff numerous questions about their jobs and has solidified that I am on the correct path to achieve my career goals.

On the academic side, I graduated high school from the Oakbrook Academy in Florence, KY on May 07, 2022. My focus was on Advanced Placement S.T.E.M. courses and aviation studies. I was my class valedictorian and graduated with a 4.0 GPA (non-weighted).

I am currently employed by Trego-Dugan Aviation as a Ground Support Equipment (GSE) Maintenance Assistant at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG). I started this position in May 2022 to gain hands-on experience in a FAA Part 145 aviation maintenance shop. I perform daily maintenance on the aircraft movers, cargo loaders and baggage handling equipment. My plan is to continue to work at CVG until I begin an official internship as an Aviation Maintenance Technician.

I began the Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program at the Cincinnati State Technical and Community College (CSTCC) in the summer of 2022. My non-weighted grade point average for the summer and fall 2022 semesters is a perfect 4.0. I am looking forward to building on what I have already learned to earn a degree in the support/repair of airplanes. I chose CSTCC due to their outstanding reputation with the CAP pilots that I have flown with during my orientation flights, and CSTCC offers an in-depth internship program with such global aviation companies as the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Amazon Prime Air, and General Electric Aviation Engines.

I have maximized my experiences with the Civil Air Patrol, Private Pilot License training, Trego-Dugan Aviation employment, and academic studies to provide what I feel is a solid foundation towards my goal of becoming an Aviation Maintenance Technician. This mixture of academic studies and hands-on experience is what I hope to continue in the Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program at the Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. Thank you for your consideration, as this scholarship would greatly help me towards achieving my educational and career goals with the aviation community.

Describe your involvement in school, the community, and/or extracurricular activities as evidence of your commitment to the field of aviation.

I have been an active member of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) since September 2017. I was an Element Leader in 2018, Flight Commander in 2019, Deputy Cadet Commander in 2020, and Cadet Commander for 2021 in my squadron. I served on the 2020 Kentucky Wing Aerospace Board as the primary aerospace instructor. I was presented the Frank G. Brewer Aerospace Award for both the Kentucky Wing and the Great Lakes Region in 2021. I represent CAP at local EAA Young Eagles fly-ins. I was selected to represent CAP as a Flight Line Marshall at the 2021 EAA AirVenture event and plan to return in 2022 as cadet staff.

I was chosen to attend the CAP Regional Cadet Leadership School at the United States Air Force Academy during summer 2019. I was able to spend an amazing week taking courses which challenged me with differing viewpoints toward leadership. I utilize these lessons leading my squadron, attempting to use servant leadership as much as possible.

I was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Award to Outstanding Cadet Officer in 2021, the Air Force Association (AFA) Cadet of the Year Award in 2020, and the squadron Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year in 2019 for my squadron. I was selected to serve as cadet staff (cadet aerospace instructor) on the 2020 Kentucky Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Board. I was presented Frank G. Brewer Cadet Aerospace Award for the Great Lakes Region in May 2021.

I am a youth coach with 4-H Boone County Sharpshooters in Florence, Kentucky. My specialties are pistol, shotgun, and archery. I also served on the Kentucky 4-H Shooting Sports Board. I was the first youth from Boone County ever to compete at the state level in pistol. My brother and I lead the effort to collect aluminum cans to donate the money for disabled veterans' organization. I also earned a Civil Air Patrol Certificate of Recognition for Lifesaving by pulling a toddler from oncoming traffic at the 4-H Boone County fair.

I have been blessed to be a youth volunteer at our local Camp Capernaum. Camp Capernaum gives young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the chance to experience fun and adventure, to develop fulfilling friendships and to challenge their limits while building self-esteem through many exciting activities while being paired with youth volunteers. Youth volunteers are referred to as "buddies," and offer assistance and companionship to campers as they ride zip lines, swim, attend club or just hang out. It was a very rewarding experience to spend time with my partner and watch them blossom through the challenges they faced.

I was selected to be on the 2020-2021 Boone County Youth Cabinet. The Boone County Youth Cabinet (BCYC) is a leadership program for high school juniors established in 2002 by the Boone County Fiscal Court in partnership with the RC Durr YMCA, Boone County Schools, Walton-Verona Schools and other partners. The BCYC program fosters students' development in areas of leadership and civic responsibility by offering an opportunity to learn about local government, interactions with local officials, and participation in service learning activities. My involvement in the BCYC has been a great opportunity for me to meet other students outside of my normal circle of friends and learn from them through our community service projects.

I was asked to help stand up the Trail Life USA Troop 0316 in Florence, KY as the 1st officer from 2020 to 2022. I was able to train the troop on Color Guard, aerospace lessons, and partner with my Civil Air Patrol cadet squadron to provide an orienteering weekend. I aged out of the troop (turned 18 years old), and a new first officer was elected. I am working with the new first officer to ensure that a smooth transition of duties occurs. I am very proud of what this troop is accomplishing and am glad that I have been able to help lead it in the beginning stages.

I actively promote aviation by being a cadet leader in the Civil Air Patrol, planning Rocketry Days at the local fairground, and represent CAP at EAA Young Eagles Fly-In events. I have also partnered with a CAP Senior squadron to offer a Flight Line Marshaling training day at our local airport. COVID restrictions have forced the postponement of some aviation activities, but I am trying to offer as many aerospace opportunities as I can through the community organizations that I am involved with.

Describe an accomplishment you are particularly proud of.

I joined the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) when I was 13 years old, with the goal of one day attending a CAP Flight Academy. A CAP Flight Academy is an intense two week Private Pilot License (PPL) school, culminating with the cadet taking their “solo” flight. It is an extremely competitive program, with hundreds of CAP cadets competing from squadrons nationwide. I applied in 2020 and was ecstatic when I received my selection letter.

I did everything that I could to prepare myself for the Flight Academy. I watched every YouTube video on PPL training possible, I built a modest home flight simulator to spend every hour possible going through flight maneuvers, and attended numerous free online ground courses. I made absolutely certain that I would have as much knowledge going into the Flight Academy as possible to maximize my time there.

Then COVID-19 happened, and my world was shattered. I will never forget the day that I received the email stating that all Civil Air Patrol summer in-person activities had been cancelled, including the Flight Academy. It felt like everything that I had worked for had disappeared in front of my eyes.

Just when all hope of getting my PPL seemed to be lost, one of the CAP pilots asked me if I had heard about a new program called Cadet Wings. He explained that the Cadet Wings program selects cadets that show an aptitude towards aviation and provides free instruction to achieve their FAA Private Pilot License (PPL). He also explained that not only would the Cadet Wings cadets be provided with full ground training and a solo flight, but the Cadet Wings cadets would be provided with the flight time necessary for complete FAA PPL check ride certification. In other words, the Cadet Wings cadets would come out of the program having earned their full FAA PPL rating. My hope was rekindled, and I immediately started researching this with a fervent determination.

I learned that the top cadet from each CAP Flight Academy would automatically be selected to Cadet Wings. I was confused as to how I could possibly be accepted into the Cadet Wings program, now that the Flight Academy had been cancelled. My CAP pilot friend told me to just wait, since he had heard that the cancelled Flight Academy was to be rescheduled for the fall months, as a virtual ground school. He was 100% correct. I received an email that same week asking if I would be interested in attending the CAP Flight Academy, this time virtual with flight instructors from the U.S. Air Force Academy. I wholeheartedly accepted. Every day of the virtual academy was online lessons, with nightly review/testing sessions. It was a tough experience, but so worth it.

I applied for the Cadet Wings program, and my CAP flight instructor wrote me a great recommendation. It seemed like forever as I waited to hear the selectees. I received word in early 2021 that I had been accepted as a Cadet Wings cadet. I was excited beyond words.

I immediately began my flight training in Batavia, Ohio at Sporty’s Flight Academy. I passed my FAA written exam with a score of 93%. I passed my first “solo” flight on 10/05/2021. I passed my FAA check ride on 01/15/2022. I am now fully certified by the FAA as a Private Pilot. It was a difficult journey, but I achieved my goal.

You might think that earning my Private Pilot License or being chosen as the first Kentucky cadet for the Cadet Wings program would be my proudest accomplishment, but my proudest accomplishment is the faith that my CAP mentors placed in me by encouraging me to pursue this. It was a very challenging journey at times, but I knew that I had a support system that was cheering me on. Earning their continued faith and support is my greatest achievement, and I strive every day to be worthy of their confidence in me.

Documentation

Transcript (or proof of current enrollment for new students)

Mink - College Transcript.pdf

What is your most recent GPA?

4.00

I certify that all information given is correct and authorize release of it to the award review committee.

I certify

By typing your name below, this will act as your electronic signature:

Joel Wade Mink

Average Reviewer Score - School

Average Reviewer Score - Student / Instructor

Total Reviewer Score - School (ADMIN TO FILL OUT)

Total Reviewer Score - Student / Instructor (ADMIN TO FILL OUT)

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Transcript (or proof of current enrollment for new students)

Mink - College Transcript.pdf

Official Transcript-Cincinnati State Technical and Community College

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Date Printed: December 22 2022
Name: Joel Wade Mink
Social Security Number: 407-61-0091
Admitted Degree Program: Aviation Maintenance Technology

PROVIDED SOLELY FOR:

Joel Wade Mink
7575 Bayport Court
Florence, KY 41042

COURSE	Course Title	CRD	GRD	GRDPT	COURSE	Course Title	CRD	GRD	GRDPT

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SUMMER 2022 (05/09/2022 to 08/20/2022)									
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AMT100	AVIATION STD PRACTICES	6.00	A	24.00					
AMT105	AIRCRAFT ORIENTATION	4.00	A	16.00					
AMT110	AIRCRAFT ELECTRICITY	4.00	A	16.00					
AMT115	AIRCRAFT WEIGHT & BALANCE	4.00	A	16.00					
MAT122	AVIATION MATHEMATICS	3.00	A	12.00					
SEM TOT	HRS ATT 21.00	HRS ER 21.00	GPA 4.000						
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VP Workforce Development & Interim Registrar

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Select Your School

Cincinnati State Technical and Community College

School Address

3520 Central Pkwy

School City

Cincinnati

School State

Ohio

School Zip

45223

School - No Longer Used

Recommendation Requests: [Reagan](#)

Name	Attachments
Reagan	No
Carl	No
Tim	No
Derrick	No

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Joel Mink

Applicant Email

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Recommender First Name

Reagan

Recommender Last Name

Alley

Recommender Email

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Relationship

FAA Certified Flight Instructor, Sporty's Flight Academy

Status

complete

Status Date

2023-02-14T14:56:11-05:00

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Joel Mink

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Recommender First Name

Carl

Recommender Last Name

Morgan

Recommender Email

morganca@mymail.nku.edu

Relationship

former Adventurer Trail Guide - Trail Life USA: Troop KY-0316

Status

sent

Status Date

2023-02-14T13:55:57-05:00

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Recommendation Requests: [Tim](#)

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Joel Mink

Applicant Email

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Recommender First Name

Tim

Recommender Last Name

Grothaus

Recommender Email

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Relationship

Trail Life USA, Troopmaster KY-0316

Status

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Status Date

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Recommendation Requests: [Derrick](#)

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Joel Mink

Applicant Email

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Recommender First Name

Derrick

Recommender Last Name

Dinwiddie

Recommender Email

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Relationship

Civil Air Patrol, Adult Senior Member

Status

complete

Status Date

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Request URL

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Recommendations: [Reagan](#)

Name	Attachments
Reagan	Yes
Derrick	Yes
Timothy	Yes

Link to Recommendation Requests

Reagan

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Link to Applications

First Name

Reagan

Last Name

Alley

Name of applicant

Joel Mink

Relationship to Applicant

Flight Instructor

Recommendation Letter

Joel Mink Recommendation 2_15_2023.pdf

Any Additional Comments

Recommendations: Reagan File Attachments

Recommendation Letter

Joel Mink Recommendation 2_15_2023.pdf

Reagan E. Alley
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Dear Search Committee,

It is with great pleasure, confidence, and enthusiasm that I would like to recommend Joel Mink for your scholarship. Mr. Mink is an outstanding young man with a bright future who will benefit a great deal from an aviation maintenance program. I serve as his certified flight instructor while he trains at Sporty's Academy.

Out of all the flight students I have worked with as a flight instructor, none have been as enthusiastic about their training as Joel. During my first ground training session with him, I specifically remember being amazed at the fact that he was already knowledgeable about every topic I covered. Every student at Sporty's Academy has a syllabus that their flight and ground training follows. Joel had looked ahead to what would be covered on the ground lesson and studied it to a level well beyond other students at his level. Because of his unwavering preparedness and initiative, teaching Joel has been a quick and wonderful experience. Joel's passion for aviation maintenance was also apparent in the fact that he could talk through every system in the airplane flawlessly. The check airman for his final flight test even came to me afterward to commend his systems knowledge, saying he's never had a candidate know the airplane to the level of Joel.

In addition to the extremely demanding coursework that pilot training brings, he has maintained a strong academic record holding a 4.0 GPA at Oakbrook Academy, and now at Cincinnati State. He maintained a full flight schedule, flying 3-4 times a week, leading to him obtaining his private pilot license before he graduated high school. Joel has continued to better his aviation skills by now working on his instrument rating. This is a testament to his drive and ambition. The vagaries of Cincinnati weather and other matters can easily sidetrack a flight student. Joel has stayed focused on completing his flight training on time, and at a very high standard.

Joel also has a keen eye for safety. Frequently, he points out safety matters and airplane discrepancies to help maintain a safe and risk-free training environment.

I have worked closely with Joel through the entirety of his training. I have had the opportunity to watch him grow into a confident, organized, and skilled pilot. As such, he is a very strong candidate for your scholarship. Joel will embrace the training he receives while in an AMT program and be a very active participant. As a result of my experiences with Mr. Mink, I wholeheartedly endorse his application for the scholarship.

Sincerely,

Reagan E. Alley
Certified Flight Instructor

Recommendations: [Derrick](#)

Link to Recommendation Requests

Derrick

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Derrick

Last Name

Dinwiddie

Name of applicant

Joel Mink

Relationship to Applicant

Civil Air Patrol adult member

Recommendation Letter

Mink - Letterhead.pdf

Any Additional Comments

Recommendations: [Derrick File Attachments](#)

Recommendation Letter

Mink - Letterhead.pdf



**BOONE COUNTY CADET SQUADRON
CIVIL AIR PATROL
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY**

2nd Lt Derrick J. Dinwiddie, CAP
150 Peartree Lane
Crittenden, Kentucky 41030

03 Feb 2023

I have known Joel Mink since he joined my Civil Air Patrol (CAP) squadron in 2017, where I was serving as an adult Senior Member. Joel has always displayed the highest levels of integrity, work-ethic, and selfless determination to help others of all ability levels. I have observed him throughout various levels of leadership throughout our community and am honored to write this recommendation for him.

Joel has pursued his aviation studies with a fervent determination that I have seldom seen in youth his age. After learning that his dream of attending a CAP National Flight Academy had been shattered by the COVID-19 quarantine, Joel excelled by becoming the first cadet in Kentucky history to complete the National Cadet Wings program and earn his FAA Private Pilot License on January 15, 2022. In addition, Joel was awarded the Frank G. Brewer, Sr. Civil Air Patrol Memorial Aerospace Awards for both the Kentucky Wing and the Great Lakes Region, surpassing nominated cadets from 6 states.

Joel combined his leadership skills and love of aviation by earning the St. Alban's Cross by demonstrating servant leadership as a Flight Line Marshaller (FLM) at the 2021 National Blue Beret during the 2021 EAA AirVenture event in Oshkosh, WI. He was honored to have been selected to receive this coveted award, but it comes as no surprise to anyone who knows his spirit of outstanding service. As a direct result of his exemplary EAA AirVenture leadership, he has been selected by CAP to return to the 2022 National Blue Beret as a Cadet Staff member, a truly high achievement.

Joel exemplified servant leadership as the 2019 Squadron Flight Commander, as the 2020 Deputy Cadet Commander, and as the 2021 Cadet Commander of our CAP squadron. Joel also served as the Bravo Flight Commander at the 2019 Illinois CAP encampment, to broaden his understanding of how other state CAP organizations operate. We received a follow up email from the Illinois Training Officer praising him for his hard work and stated that "it was an absolute pleasure working alongside and learning from" Joel. It is this attitude of servant leadership that Joel continually uses to encourage those he leads to do their best and move outside their comfort zones.

Joel's amazing leadership skills have been recognized at the national CAP level, as Joel earned a spot in the 2019 Civil Air Patrol Region Cadet Leadership School (RCLS) at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. In addition to his regular leadership lessons, I was made aware by RCLS staff that Joel made time in his busy schedule to assist newer cadets at the Honor Guard Academy that were struggling with their drill training. It is this pattern of "going well above and beyond what is expected" attitude that has earned him the respect of both his fellow CAP cadets and adult members.

Joel has also served as a youth volunteer to assist young adults in the Northern Kentucky area with learning/physical disabilities at our local Camp Capernaum. He showed a patience beyond his years with youth that have some of the more severe mental challenges, by encouraging them to persevere and finish their tasks through challenging conditions. He inspires others to find creative solutions to complete their goals through his calm demeanor and ability to motivate.

Joel further distinguished himself by heroic actions in the saving of a human life at the Boone County Kentucky 4H & Utopia Fair on August 10, 2019. The CAP members were directing traffic to park as part of an annual fundraiser. In the hurry to get inside the fairgrounds, a toddler had wandered away from its parents and walked directly into the oncoming traffic flow. Joel made a split-second decision to jump in front of an oncoming minivan and snatch the toddler from harm's way. After the Senior Members confirmed that both the toddler and Joel were unharmed, the toddler was returned to his parents and Joel resumed his duties. Joel still refuses to be called a "hero", but by his prompt and selfless action, Joel saved that young child from great harm and possible death.

Joel Mink is a person of the highest character, and the Northern Kentucky community has been extremely fortunate to have him as a community youth leader. Joel has shown time and time again why he will succeed and cause others to succeed alongside him. I am absolutely certain that Joel Mink is a worthy candidate for your scholarship. I can be reached at (540) 537-8276 if there is any additional information that I may provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derrick J. Dinwiddie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D'.

Derrick J. Dinwiddie, 2nd Lt, CAP

Recommendations: Timothy

Link to Recommendation Requests

Tim

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Timothy

Last Name

Grothaus

Name of applicant

Joel Wade Mink

Relationship to Applicant

Fellow Adult Troop Leader

Recommendation Letter

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Any Additional Comments

Recommendations: Timothy File Attachments

Recommendation Letter

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Tim Grothaus

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February 10, 2023

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To Whom it may concern,

I have had the pleasure of knowing Joel Wade Mink for 7 years in several capacities. He is currently a volunteer adult leader with Trail Life USA Troop KY-0316 of which I am the Troopmaster. Joel was the First Officer when he was a youth participant because of his skills with the subjects being taught to his fellow youth as well as the responsible nature that he has demonstrated over the previous 5 years of me knowing him. He is responsible for guiding, mentoring, and teaching over 60 youth ranging in age from Kindergarten through Highschool. He is tasked with presenting the lessons for the troop members during our bi-weekly meetings and coordinating with patrol leaders under his charge to make sure that lessons and meetings are performed smoothly and with little interruption. He is also responsible to make sure his fellow troop members are performing their duties during campouts and field trips. He is respected and looked up to by his troop members, as well as the adult leaders of the troop for his forethought, measured reactions, kindness, and preparedness.

Joel has also demonstrated responsibility above and beyond most young men his age with his tenacious pursuance of his Private Pilot's License, excelling within the Civil Air Patrol as Cadet Commander for GLR-KY-050 squadron, his leadership in 4-H Sharpshooters and his participation with the Boone County Youth Cabinet. Within all these roles Joel seeks out ways to gain knowledge as well as improve his leadership and civic skills to be the best person he can be.

His experiences, in addition to church, work and school, have shown an unwavering commitment to pursue and be the best person he can be at his chosen commitments. I have interacted with Joel on many levels, and he has consistently demonstrated maturity, good nature, and respect towards others.

Joel Wade Mink is an intelligent, responsible, and personable young man. He is always responsive and sensible to feedback, with thoughtful reactions. I feel confident in saying that he can handle any situation with thoughtfulness and maturity.

Please contact me at tim.grothaus@duke-energy.com or at 513.520.1279 if you have any questions that I can answer for you.

Sincerely,

Tim Grothaus

23 Reviewers: 48361484

Name	Attachments
48361484	No
47695800	No
47695802	No

Link to Reviewers

Jessica Weney

Assignment Tag

type:individual

Submitted Date

03/09/2023

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What type of applicant is this?

Student

Is the institution an ATEC member?

Yes

The applicant shows an interest in the field of aviation maintenance.

5 - Strongly agree

The applicant displays strong leadership skills

5- Strongly agree

The applicant's achievements reflect his/her dedication to learning/teaching.

5- Strongly agree

The letters of recommendation highlight the applicant's level of dedication, skill, passion, leadership, work ethic and/or community involvement.

5- Strongly agree

Would you recommend the applicant for the award?

Yes

Total Points (Student / Instructor)

25

Additional Comments

23 Reviewers: 47695800

Link to Reviewers

Mark Cronin

Assignment Tag

type:batch

Submitted Date

02/27/2023

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5- Strongly agree

Would you recommend the applicant for the award?

Yes

Total Points (Student / Instructor)

25

Additional Comments

Simply outstanding candidate!!

23 Reviewers: 47695802

Link to Reviewers

James Smith

Assignment Tag

type:batch

Submitted Date

03/02/2023

Linked 23 Applications

Joel Mink

Linked Profile**What type of applicant is this?**

Student

Is the institution an ATEC member?

Yes

The applicant shows an interest in the field of aviation maintenance.

5 - Strongly agree

The applicant displays strong leadership skills

5- Strongly agree

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