

The Griswold Players Scholarship Fund, Inc.  
"Arts Award"

REFERENCE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
(General School Experience)

TO: Mr. Tim Conner

Benjamin Maerkle has applied for a scholarship. He/she has given your name as a reference for his/her general school experience. This recommendation will be held confidential.

This scholarship has been established for recognition of participation in the arts (art, music, dance, drama, etc.) and to assist a graduating senior of Griswold High School in his/her continuing education in any field. Please comment particularly on this student's general school experience such as his/her motivation, character (leadership, initiative, responsibility, dependability) and other pertinent areas (including extra-curricular activities) as they relate to his/her functioning as a student at Griswold High School. Use the back of this form or add attachments, as necessary.

**Please note! Completed reference forms must be picked up and mailed by the student no later than May 13, 2011.** If you have any questions regarding this matter please call Mrs. Annabelle Curran (860-376-4505). Please accept our thanks in advance for your time and interest in this program.

Ben Maerkle has been a student of the graphic and photographic arts in my classroom for two years. He is a unique individual in many ways. In addition to being a fine musician, Ben possesses superior talents and skills in the study of the fine arts and computer technology. He is recognized as the best computer technology student in the school. He has personally undertaken a variety of complex technology projects for our school district including designing and maintaining our school's drama department and print shop web sites. Ben's knowledge of computer programming and software exceeds our professional staff. He is described as a remarkably intelligent and creative individual and he is highly respected by students and faculty. He is also very respectable and polite towards everyone and is someone that you can always depend on.

Ben's most significant talent is his ability to share his knowledge with others. In simple terms, Ben is a natural teacher. He frequently offers his time and expertise to fellow classmates and teachers. His soft-spoken nature combined with his patience and compassion for others is a joy to observe. He's also one of my most entertaining students. Ben's sense of humor and his out-of-the-box thinking is always fascinating and refreshing to me as an educator of over thirty years. Several of his photographic and graphic communication projects are on permanent display in my classroom.

In summary, Ben Maerkle is a fine young gentleman with character beyond his years. I have no doubt that his exceptional talents and skills will lead him down the path of success in the future.

Signed: Timothy D. Conner

Date: 5/13/11