



## Montgomery County Community College

May 9, 2012

RE: Heorhi Auseichyk Letter of Recommendation

Dear Members of the Scholarship Committee:

As members of the Montgomery County Community College community we have the pleasure to hear the unique journeys that our students take to access higher education. Each story is special and shows times of second chances, first generation college students, and the quest for an education that will enrich the lives of students as well as their families and the community at large. The story of Heorhi Auseichyk is one of the most moving tales about a quest for not only a college degree, but also the freedom to excel academically even while his family is far away in Belarus.

I first met Heorhi in 2011 as a member of my macroeconomics class. To say that he is a diligent and prepared student is an understatement. He has a hunger for knowledge, reads everything he can and always wants to know more about the subject of economics as it applies to both the United States and the global economy. He is a leader with maturity; he speaks the truth, and has the ability to get his fellow students to rise up to his high standard of academic integrity. As we wrap up the Spring 2012, I had the pleasure of having Heorhi in my microeconomics class. He achieved an average above 100% in both of the courses and lead the group that created the following Wiki on International Economics <https://sites.google.com/site/internationaltradenc122/>. I will be sharing this Wiki with students in future classes to teach the debate between protectionism and free trade.

His academic performance and leadership in the classroom just grazes what makes Mr. Auseichyk a most deserving candidate for scholarships. He chose us. In 2007, Heorhi traveled to the United States from Belarus to seek political asylum at the age of twenty. He spoke little English and worked to earn enough money to pay immigration lawyers. To date he is fluent in English, Belarusian, Russian, and Spanish and has a 4.0 GPA. He is maximizing his educational experience at Montgomery County Community College with the goal of a degree in International Business from Temple University. As a graduate of Temple and an Instructor of Economics at Montgomery County Community College, I see Heorhi's achievement as a symbol of open-access higher education success.

His success hinges on his ability to obtain financial support to support his educational and professional dreams. A student that comes to the United States leaving his family in order to work for enough money to pay for a lawyer and continues to exhibit a steadfast work ethic to support himself and his academic success deserves every scholarship dollar that he is eligible to earn. In economics we call this a positive externality. Heorhi's success benefits all of us. Mark my words, he will do great things in the future.

As the committee can see, it is with the highest recommendation and without any reservation that I, Jill Beccaris-Pescatore, endorse Heorhi Auseichyk for academic scholarship for his education at Montgomery County Community College. This is an investment that the scholarship committee cannot afford to miss.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 215.356.8078 or [jbeccari@mc3.edu](mailto:jbeccari@mc3.edu).

Sincerely,

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