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To whom it may concern,

I have had the privilege of getting to know Chloe O'Hanlon over the last 5 years through her journey throughout our pathway, not only as a footballer, but also a person whilst she has been on our programme. I believe that Chloe would be an ideal candidate for a Football/Soccer Scholarship with your College/University/Company for many reasons which are outlined below.

Chloe has always shown a high level of commitment, even before she started on our programme. Chloe attended our Emerging Talent Centre and Development Centre sessions for seasons before she was due to start the course, and was a regular at the in-season sessions and then also to the full Pre-Season programme. Here at Sunderland Foundation of Light, the standards are high. Chloe is part of a High Performance Education and Football Development Programme linked to Sunderland AFC Football Club and Sunderland AFC Ladies. She has to combine studying every day, with football training every day- which is a high level and high tempo. Chloe also then represents SAFC in the National Football Youth League every Wednesday- this league is the highest level of U21 football outside of the Women's Super League (WSL) Academy system.

Since joining the Post 16 programme, Chloe has impressed with her ability to pursue a Dual Career pathway and has excelled both academically and with her football. She has shown excellent time keeping, achieving deadlines with her assignments and a high level of detail in her work. Chloe is so hardworking and this has also transferred on to the football pitch.

Chloe has improved greatly in her football skills because of her dedication. She has improved in areas such as first touch, control, using both feet, dribbling and running with the ball, crossing, and forward runs in behind. Chloe has been adaptable and can now play in a number of position including Winger and Full Back. Because of Chloe's dedication, she is playing on our Premier team in her 1st year. Chloe is an integral part of our Premier team squad and has excelled this season against teams such as Macclesfield International Academy, Everton, Bolton Wanderers, Liverpool and Durham Women. Chloe has also recently played for our Sunderland Women's Pro Game Academy U21 Squad against Manchester City in the Pro Game Academy Women's Division One.

What sets Chloe apart from others? Chloe has certain qualities which means that I can rely on her and trust her. Because of this, she is one of the first names on the team sheet. It is also her overall attitude and mind set to everything that she does. Chloe will be a valuable asset to any College/University in the USA because she will bring a combination of high level football ability with good physical attributes- strong and quick. But she will also bring a lot more than that. Chloe is reliable and dependable and is a good team mate.

Chloe would bring so much to your University, both inside and outside of the classroom. If you have any questions regarding Chloe's Education or Football, please feel free to contact me at Steve.McClarence@foundationoflight.co.uk

Yours Sincerely,

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