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Letter of recommendation

Hi my name is Melvin Williams, Singer, songwriter, producer & a member of five time Grammy nominated gospel group the Legendary Williams brothers... I've been blessed to sing and/or record with artists like Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Yolanda Adams, Kirt Franklin and my cousin R&B sensation Brandy to name a few... Enough about me...

This letter of Recommendation is about Mario Austin. I've Known him since he was a kid & he's always been ambitious & observant. Even before his teens he's been interest in sports, music, music equipment, recording studios and how it all works. So much so 'til, his parents bought him his own small home recording studio which I've had the pleasure of doing radio drops and commercials that he engineered.

He's smart, he's bright and intelligent. He's been disciplined and groomed to know the importance of teamwork & leadership by playing football with the Dutchtown high school football team but most important putting his education at the top of the list first.

I truly believe that he understands & knows when all else fails, his education will follow him for a lifetime. And I believe with his academic skills & dedication to learning & being the best that he can be makes Mario a perfect student for continuing Loyola's history of excellence in education and the perfect college institute to prepare him for the future.

Melvin Williams

February 2, 2015

To whom it may concern,

I have known Mario Austin since the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We both had been very interested in music ever since we were just kids. Though, I had never actually been in a studio and done an official song until I met him. He was one of the few people I knew that know how to produce real good music. There are many people who are capable of recording someone doing a song but he's able to go beyond what many people can do when it's dealing with music. Ever since we first entered middle school, I knew he would take music seriously and possibly try to build a career out of it because it's what he's always loved to do. He'll spend nights on the computer searching on YouTube or other websites to learn something new to help improve his producing skills more and more. I don't really know too many things he can't do when it's dealing with music. I guess all of that attention to music pays off for him but he really wants to see how much further he can take his skills and talent. I feel that he deserves a shot at it because he takes it very seriously and puts in the effort to make the best of himself at what he does. Many others and I have noticed the major improvement he has accomplished by listening to some songs he had produced when we first started until now. He has gotten much better at what he do. The music should speak for itself.

Sincerely,

Eric Washington