

April 20, 1944.

Superintendent Smith,  
The Pullman Company,  
Union Station,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Superintendent Smith:

I am happy to commend to you Wilford Smith, a colored boy who has worked for us here at the University for four years. I have known this young man for quite some time as he attended high school with my children. He is a man of a large family and very fine habits. He is courteous, cooperative and loyal.

I have been very fond of this young man because of his earnestness in raising a splendid family. He is a family man in every sense of the word. With the family as a ballast he has worked hard, saved his money and has always paid his bills. He bears a good reputation in town and at the University.

As secretary of the local Selective Service Board I have come in contact with him a number of times. On account of physical disability he was put in 4F, but he was not content with this and volunteered the second time and we sent him to Leavenworth as he desired definitely to serve his country. He was turned down after the second examination. I mention this only to inform you that on some types of cases after a time elapses we have authority to allow the man to go back for a second examination. This pretty well shows his spirit, and I am glad to testify as to his character, his honesty and his thrift. He is affable and earnest in his work.

Very sincerely yours,

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Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.