

February 3, 1942.

Mr. J. B. Miller,  
Director of Physical Training,  
Air Corps Technical Training Command,  
20 East Archer Street,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I am very happy to reply to your letter of February 2nd concerning the qualifications of J. Fred Harris who is applicant for a position as Junior Director of Physical Training in the Air Corps. I feel confident that his training and experience are such that he would be a very valuable asset to your staff.

I have known Fred Harris for a great number of years and have a high admiration for him. He played three years on the varsity football team at the University of Kansas, and was a star performer on my varsity basketball team. He majored in our Department of Physical Education, and knows the fundamentals of physical education as well as athletics.

At the present time Fred Harris is supervising a program for 200 boys, whose ages range from 17 to 24 years. His program includes strenuous activity for the boys, such as boxing, wrestling, basketball and baseball, as well as some of the lesser strenuous activities such as pingpong, shuffleboard, dances and social affairs. His duties also include the purchasing of materials, equipment and supplies for the operation and maintenance of the projects. He also engages in vocational guidance, and is councillor and disciplinarian for these boys. He assists in carrying out a suitable health program and is active in first aid treatment.

Fred Harris is a fine, clean, capable, intelligent young man. His character is of the best. He is resourceful and industrious, and realizes the value of loyal cooperation with his superiors.

I am very happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion. If I can give you any further information, please feel free to write me again.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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