Sydney Youth Ballet Company

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## EAPS dance performer sample supporting document

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To UAC,

**Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme (EAPS)**
**Artistic Director's statement for Sam Citizen**

I am writing this letter in my capacity as Artistic Director at Sydney Youth Ballet Company to endorse Sam for the Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme (EAPS) as an elite dance performer.

I have worked with Sam for the past four years, overseeing her training, rehearsal schedule, and artistic development within our principal artist cohort. Sam is a dancer of national calibre whose dedication, discipline and performance achievements place her among Australia's elite emerging dance talent.

**Representative level and achievements**

Sam currently performs at the State and National level and is a registered member of Sydney Youth Ballet Company, an affiliate of Dance NSW and the Australian Dance Council. Her notable achievements over the past two years include:

- Australian Youth Dance Festival (2026): Selected performer in the National Contemporary Showcase, representing Sydney Youth Ballet Company at the national level.
- NSW Youth Dance Championships (2026): Gold medallist – Classical Ballet Solo (17 years); Silver medallist (2025, 16 years).
- State representative: Nominated member of the Dance NSW Young Artists Program.

**Training and performance commitments**

To perform and compete at this standard, Sam maintains an intensive, high-performance training and rehearsal schedule requiring at least 25 hours per week year-round, including travel to competitions, residencies and interstate performance engagements. During production seasons, this commitment frequently exceeds 30 hours per week.

**Recommendation**

Sam has consistently demonstrated an exceptional approach to her artistic and athletic commitments. Her conduct, integrity, and artistry reflect the core values of our company. She is a dedicated performer and role model within our principal cohort who approaches every challenge with resolve, creativity and professionalism.

I have no hesitation in recommending her for EAPS.

Should you require any further verification or details regarding Sam's training volume, performance calendar or artistic standing, please feel free to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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