

SCENARIOS USA!

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing on behalf of Keyana Ray. We have worked with Keyana since August of 2006, when she won the national Scenarios USA/Rap-It-Up scriptwriting contest.

Scenarios USA is a seven year old national non-profit organization that, through the "What's the REAL DEAL?" story and scriptwriting contest, gives young people the opportunity to create media on issues that shape their lives, such as HIV/AIDS, pregnancy, peer-pressure, communication, drug/alcohol use, violence and gender stereotyping. Scenarios USA has a total of 12 films in their library, all written by teens who have won the "What's the REAL DEAL?" contest, and directed by some of Hollywood's preeminent talent including Doug Liman and Michael Apted. The youth-written films are distributed to an audience of 15 million people annually.

Scenarios USA teamed up with the Rap-It-Up campaign, a partnership of BET and the Kaiser Family Foundation, to launch the "What's the REAL DEAL on Growing Up in the Age of AIDS?" story and scriptwriting contest. The contest encouraged young people ages 13 to 18 to write about what HIV/AIDS means to them personally, and to their friends, family, and communities. Keyana's story was selected out of over 500 entries.

As the Scenarios USA/Rap-It-Up contest winner, Keyana was partnered with director Gina Prince-Bythewood (*Love and Basketball*) to turn her winning story into a short film. Gina and her husband Reggie Rock Bythewood (*Get on the Bus*) mentored Keyana through the script revision process. Keyana and Gina shot the film on November 10th and 11th in Keyana's hometown of Maywood IL. Gina consulted Keyana on every aspect of the film, from casting, location scouting, wardrobe, and scene changes. Though only a high school student, Keyana was required to work at a professional level. She was on set a full twelve hours each day putting in the same amount of time and effort as the entire seasoned film crew.

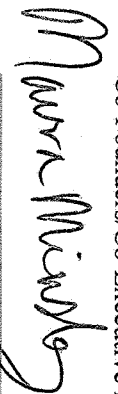
In addition to winning the contest and shooting her film, Keyana has joined the Scenarios USA Speaker's Bureau -- a group of young people who are dedicated to empowering their peers and educating adults on the importance of including young people in the decision making process when it affects youth health and youth education. As part of this Bureau, Keyana presented one of her heroes, Debra L. Lee, Chairman and C.E.O of BET Networks, with the Scenarios USA REAL DEAL Award at our annual gala on November 15th. Since then, Keyana has been a featured guest on the BET show *106 & Park* to talk to the audience about her film.

In the months that we've worked with Keyana, she has proven herself to be a natural leader, accomplished writer, and gifted public speaker. She's been presented with the 7th District of Illinois' Teen of the Year Award by Congressman Danny K. Davis, and she also received a letter of congratulations from Senator Barack Obama. Keyana is a talented individual with a dynamic personality. We're confident that she will have an exciting and accomplished future, and feel lucky to be a part of her trajectory.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact us at 718.230.5125.

Kind regards,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this recommendation on behalf of Keyana Ray, a senior at Proviso East high school. I had the pleasure of being Ms. Ray's high school counselor. I was impressed with her academic motivation, inquisitive nature and potential.

Keyana's involvement in extracurricular activities is quite impressive. She has been in the following clubs and organizations: Poetry Club and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions). In addition, she has won Proviso Idol Talent Competition and is currently writing a short film that has received media attention and will be airing on major television station in the winter.

As Keyana's counselor, I challenge students to seek courses of study that are most demanding and prepare the student for success in college. She received great praises from her teachers and coaches for her self-confidence and emotional maturity. Keyana has a bright future in writing and producing.

I highly recommend Keyana and believe she would be an asset to any institution of higher learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MP", is written over a horizontal line.

George Pappas, counselor