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Faculty Sponsor Recommendation Letter for an OSUN Student Research Grant  
for Brittany Barnett

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This research project is very significant for Brittany, as it will form the basis of her Senior Research Thesis. Brittany will be applying for graduate school during the 2012-2013 academic year and completing this project will significantly strengthen her application.

Brittany is extremely well prepared to undertake this project. In the spring of 2011, she assisted me in my research from the initial study. She entered data in SPSS, ran initial analyses, and spent a considerable amount of time helping prepare a research poster for a conference presentation. For her current project, Brittany has also spent time reviewing and summarizing the relevant literature on the benefits of music in enhancing verbal memory and is reading the literature on musicality within Williams syndrome. She wrote an abstract of her research proposal which she will present in a poster presentation at the OSU-Newark Research Forum in March, 2012 and has helped with editing the novel music stimuli.

I am willing to commit myself to supervising this project. I will be traveling with Brittany to the WS Conference where she and I will be collecting the majority of the data. I will also teach her how to administer the Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test.

Brittany has not previously received funding for this project. The cost for attending the conference to collect the data is being partially absorbed by my Williams Syndrome Program Fund at Nisonger Center, OSU.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilee Martens, PhD".

Marilee Martens, PhD  
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