



Scholarship

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High School Baseball Team: Platte Valley High School

Cumulative GPA: 4.18

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Desired College and Major: I plan to attend York University in York, Nebraska, to play baseball and study Agribusiness.

What is your career objective?:

My career goals are to become a financial analyst or livestock commodity broker. I have this goal because I have a great passion for finance and agriculture. A livestock commodity broker is a stock trader, but with cattle. I have not decided on which career I want to pursue. I have started managing my own money from a young age, deciding which accounts to invest in and how to maximize my returns.

Community Service Activities:

I have participated in multiple community service activities totaling over 120+ hours. I spent 21 hours helping Friends of Baseball with the golf tournament and Breakfast of Champions. I have spent 19 hours working with Link Crew and helping with first-year orientation. I have also spent 16 hours working with the Greeley Exchange Club at Stampede and at a cornhole tournament. I have also laid wreaths on veterans' graves for the Wreaths Across America event. I have participated in Ag Explorers, teaching elementary students about agriculture for 4 hours. I have spent 9 hours working at Taste of Ag, serving food to community members. I have helped run the Platte Valley FFA Little American Royal and have contributed 26 hours. At the Weld County Food Bank, I have given 14 hours helping to sort fruit and create emergency baggies for those in need. Lastly, I have spent 16 hours participating in Teacher Childcare before school.

Baseball Activities:

I have played baseball my whole life, from 5 years old at GEYL. I then played on a club team called the Sandlot Beasts for 5 years. Since then, I have played with the Greeley Gojos for 2 years. Then played at BB Elite for the past 2 years. I have also played high school baseball for 4 years. In those 4 years, I have had many great accomplishments. I have been a 4-year varsity starter. I have helped lead the team to a 3rd-place finish at State, the best Platte Valley has done in 50 years. Hosting regionals was an amazing accomplishment, and seeing the community support our team was amazing. In my opinion, my greatest accomplishment was pitching against Eaton my junior year and beating them 6-5, for the first time in 25 years. Lastly, I received 1st-team All-Conference Patriot League honors, along with 2nd-team All-State.

Outside of School
Activities:

I have participated in 4H from the age of 8 to my senior year. In 4H, I have competed in showing goats and chickens, as well as in shooting sports and showing dogs. I have participated in FFA from my freshman year to my senior year. I have participated in FBLA from my sophomore year to my senior year. I have been on the Dream Team from my sophomore year through my senior year. I have been a member of the National Honor Society from my sophomore year through my senior year. I have been in Link Crew this year. I was also a Little American Royal Committee Chair. I have also grown in my faith over my high school years, attending Foundations Church. York is a Christian University, and I plan to continue growing in my faith. Lastly, I have been a successful entrepreneur in agriculture. I have run a feeder hog operation. The project began with 8 pigs in my sophomore year, and I grew it to 13 hogs. I have been very successful in learning how to market and sell to community members. I have learned many lessons from the feeder pigs, like responsibility and money management.

Career Goal in 2 years:

In 2 years, my career goal will be fairly simple. I plan to have 1 year left of college to get my bachelor's degree. I will be entering college as a sophomore because of the college classes I have taken through Aims, UNC, and NJC. Coming in with extra credits will allow me to pursue my master's. I will likely take on 1-2 internships over the summer to gain valuable experience for when I join the workforce.

Career Goal in 5 Years:

After 5 years, I plan to have graduated with my Bachelor's in Agribusiness and potentially pursue my Master's in Agribusiness to further advance my qualifications for jobs. I will have my first job at a firm. I will also be working towards either advancing in the company or becoming an entrepreneur myself.

Career Goal in 10 Years:

In 10 years, I plan to either have started my own company or to be very high up in a large firm. If I don't start my own company, I can continue as a financial analyst or a livestock broker. I also hope to get married and have started my own family by then. I will have crossed a few things off my bucket list, like traveling and visiting amazing places. I also want to give back to the youth. I want to coach a rec team and give my time to kids, teaching them how to play baseball the right way.

Why this grant?:

I am applying for this grant to help me free myself from financial burdens. Receiving this grant will help me succeed in college and beyond. I have also seen how Friends of Baseball has been a great supporter of youth sports in Northern Colorado. Seeing it firsthand on our baseball team, being able to get new baseballs. I have seen how the scholarship has helped my teammates from previous years. It would be an amazing honor to win this award. The grant will be an amazing start towards paying for each year of college.

How will this help YOU!:

This grant will help me accomplish my goals by allowing me to focus less on the financial side of school and be the best student-athlete possible. My parents have told me they will only have a small portion of money for me to pay for college. Since I will be playing baseball in college, I will not have sufficient time to find a job and work regularly, which would help pay for tuition. With less financial stress, I will be able to focus more on school.
