

Personal Letter

My name is Madison Wegleitner, and I am the oldest of three siblings. I take pride in being someone who values hard work, leadership, and making a positive impact on the people around me. While I have been involved in many activities throughout high school, volleyball is the experience that has shaped me the most not only as an athlete, but as a leader and teammate.

As a volleyball player and team captain this past year, I learned that leadership goes far beyond performance on the court. It means encouraging teammates when they are struggling, staying positive in high-pressure moments, and holding both myself and others accountable. Volleyball has taught me how important it is to build trust and create an environment where everyone feels supported and motivated. Success is not just about winning matches it is about bringing a team together and pushing each other to be better every day.

Being a multi-sport athlete in volleyball, basketball, softball, and track has strengthened my work ethic and discipline, but volleyball has always been where I feel most connected. The fast pace of the game, the need for constant communication, and the reliance on every player to do their job has helped me develop strong teamwork and leadership skills. Balancing athletics with academics and extracurricular activities has not always been easy, but it has taught me time management, resilience, and how to stay focused on my goals.

Outside of athletics, I have taken on leadership roles such as student council secretary, prom committee member, and involvement in drama production and yearbook. These experiences have allowed me to help create a more inclusive and positive school environment. Additionally, working in my school's Mission Advancement Office has given me hands-on

experience with marketing and fundraising, helping me grow professionally while contributing to something meaningful.

Beyond my achievements, I would describe myself as outgoing, organized, and someone who genuinely cares about others. I strive to be a person my teammates and peers can rely on both on and off the court. Volleyball has played a major role in shaping that mindset, teaching me the value of communication, accountability, and supporting those around me.

Next fall, I will be attending North Dakota State University to pursue a degree in Business with a focus on Marketing. In the future, I hope to build a career that allows me to combine creativity, organization, and leadership while making a positive difference. Receiving this NCR scholarship would mean more than just financial support it would represent an investment in the values that volleyball has instilled in me dedication, teamwork, and leadership.

I believe I am deserving of this opportunity because of my commitment to both my education and my role as a student-athlete. I am motivated not only by personal success, but by the ability to lead, inspire, and make a meaningful impact on others. In the next five years, I see myself building a career back in my hometown of Dickinson, where I can use my skills to give back to the community that has supported me. Volleyball has been a constant in my life, shaping who I am today and who I will continue to become. I am excited to carry those lessons forward, and I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for this scholarship.