Dear Scholarship Committee,

Some of the best experiences in my life have come from volunteering. The look of absolute gratitude from another is something that can never be replaced in my heart. I have tried to find the time to give my service to the community this year. As a student-athlete, it has been harder for me to balance my time, but I have tried to keep my volunteer work as a top priority.

One of my favorite volunteering opportunities of this year was during the Christmas season. Before we went on break to visit our families, my soccer team got together to go to a Veteran’s home here in Grand Rapids. We wrote Christmas cards to pass out and caroled along the way. It was great to see how much our presence meant to these people. They were all very appreciative of us, and it was great to be able to spread the Christmas cheer to people who gave so much to this country.

Some of my other volunteering took place at my former high school, West Catholic. During the Lenten season, the school hosts a fish fry Friday nights as a fundraiser for athletics. I was able to help when needed by preparing the fish to be cooked. I also helped with the annual spring clean-up around the West Catholic campus. We raked leaves and cleaned up trash, and we also got the soccer fields ready to be played on. Once I am done with my final exams, I plan on helping out with both the Varsity and Junior-Varsity soccer teams at West Catholic. I was asked to help coach and play with the girls at their practices.

I believe that it is very important to give back to the community. I like to volunteer at my former school because I know that there are people there who gave to me while I attended. For next year, I am looking forward to find other areas in which I can use my talents to help others. Thank You!

Sincerely,

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