Blair F. Collings Scholarship Program | 2024



Freshman

Professional Flight Technology

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Serving as the student council vice president and student council Junior class representative has taught me the power of student voice and collaborative leadership. This has helped me show my deep commitment to my fellow classmates and my high school. Hoping to make a lasting and positive impact, I have served for Four years as a member of an athletic club, Spirit Club, Student Council, and our school's Special Olympics team. Pushing myself to grow as a person, I joined the school football team to kick field goals for the past two years. I have been an avid contributor and dedicated my last 4 years to the high school cross country, track, and swim teams while assisting my teams to semi-state each year. I was honored to be inducted into the National Honors Society during my freshman year as well as our Link Crew. Due to my dedication, leadership, and passion, I was selected for the past two years to leave school early and attend an internship in our local community. Giving back to my community is something I am passionate about. For the past two years, I felt it was important to give back to my community through the elementary students. Myself as well as 5 other teammates from my football team volunteered our mornings to read through an early childhood literacy development program with local kindergartners. This year, I also began my private pilot training and should receive my license in December. Through all of my experiences, I have grown as a student, and athlete and learned so much at giving back to my community and high school. As well as school I work as a Lifeguard at two pools over the summer and two pools from fall to spring. I am also a licensed soccer referee and spend my weekends working youth games. I hope to leave a lasting impression encouraging others to take a collaborative leadership role and continue to make our high school a welcoming and exciting environment for all students for years to come.

From middle school till about two years ago, I was sure I thought I knew exactly what I wanted to do with my life. I thought I knew where I wanted to go to school, what I wanted to do, and how I was going to do it. I was going to be a lawyer. However, after a few eye-opening experiences and conversations, my planning changed and went in a completely different direction. I want to be a pilot now.

My desire to fly came to me in an unexpected conversation. I was sitting and talking with my neighbor's son about his career. He is an extremely high-ranked officer in the United States Air Force, . He told me all about the airforce and it genuinely sparked my interest. After this conversation, I went home and began researching everything I could about becoming a pilot immediately.

Thankfully due to what my school offers, I was able to find an internship at the where I worked under the airport manager, for two periods a day. It was here that I was able to open my eyes to the world of aviation. Instead of sitting in a study hall room, I was able to get my hands dirty and work on airplanes, do general airport maintenance, meet commercial pilots and pick their brains on how they got to where they are, fuel aircraft, and do so many more things. Due to my enjoyment of my internship, for my 16th birthday, my parents bought me a Discovery flight. It was here where my desire to be in the sky soared upward. For me, it was nothing but clear skies and I could see my end goal in sight. In the summer of 2023, I officially began my flight training. Here I have spent countless hours studying, practicing, and preparing for flight. I regret nothing and am so grateful for the opportunities I have been given.

As a result of all my extracurriculars and sports, I have had many experiences and events that have taught me many things. I have learned my leadership skills, patience, punctuality, determination, and mental strength through these activities. These skills are ones that can lead to success in the future. My leadership skills are ones I hope to be able to use in order to create and safe and comfortable environment for all of my passengers and co-workers. My determination is one that will not allow me to quit when things get hard and will help me persevere through anything thrown at me.

Additionally, due to taking my Privet Piloits Liscens at all my leadership skills, and other life experiences; I feel that these will lead to success in my end goal of becoming a Commercial Airlines pilot and making a career out of it.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

I have known all his life, I am his Aunt. is brilliant and an outstanding representative of how a young person these days should be. He is a very caring young man, being that he has 4 siblings makes him so understanding of how to help and take care of problems and people skills. We are so proud of the is at the top of his class and quite the leader in his community. He has a lot of skills and extra activities, being a soccer referee and a lifeguard in his community, he also has excelled at school being on the honor society and vice president of the spirit club, and on the student council. He takes time to read to the kindergarten class, among competing in cross country, track, football, and swimming. The holds many awards in the cross country, track, and swimming. In his spare time, he has also acquired his student pilot certificate with over 40 hours of flight under his belt, and a solo flying certificate.
also works at many different businesses, such as landscaping at the airport and maintenance. Working at a restaurant has given extra skills doing the things needed to keep all aspects of kitchen and dining rooms running smoothly. It is a good all around outstanding young man, he has worked so hard at achieving all the things mentioned above. With all the above mentioned, I do believe that would also make you proud of how he will excel even more with a scholarship of this kind. I really think he is going to go so far in life and would love to see him win this scholarship to help such a great achiever further his skills and education.

Sincerely,

August 28, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,



