

Application Form

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The West Michigan Officials Student/Athlete

The student/athlete must be a graduating senior to be eligible for this award.

Student/athlete: BROOKE BOLTHOUSE

School: SPRING LAKE

Parent(s) or Guardian name(s) & phone number(s): _____

Resident Mailing address: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Parent Contact phone number: _____

(Please note that this number will be kept confidential)

4.0 GPA, based on a 4.0 scale

Please provide detailed information regarding the following items. **PRINT OR TYPE ONLY**

1. List any special academic honors, awards, scholarships, or achievements. *[Please specify year(s) for each]*
2. List any athletic achievements or awards, plus other sports participated in during the high school years. *[Please specify what level (varsity, subvarsity) and year(s) for each]*
3. List any extracurricular activities (clubs, volunteer work, etc.). *[Please specify year(s) for each]*
4. What person or event has had the most influence on your life? Please give a detail explanation.
5. What are your future plans and goals, and what steps are you taking to accomplish them?

Additional letters of recommendation may be submitted by: Coach, Athletic Director, Principal, Guidance Counselor, Teacher or Minister.

Please return application to the address below.

Bob Wojcik

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DATES SHOWN BELOW.

Football Application: October 9

Boys' Basketball: January 22

Girls' Basketball: January 22

West Michigan Officials Student/Athlete Girls Basketball Scholarship

1. List any special academic honors, awards, scholarships, or achievements. (Please specify years for each)

- Spring Lake High School Superintendent's Honor Roll (2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23)
- Academic All-State (2023)
- Finalist for Centralis scholarship (2023)
- Rotary Interact Student of the Month (2023)

2. List any athletic achievements or awards, plus other sports participated in during the high school years. (Please specify what level and years for each)

- JV volleyball (9th grade)
- Varsity volleyball (10th, 11th & 12th grade)
- JV basketball (9th grade)
- Varsity basketball (10th, 11th & 12th grade)
- Varsity soccer (10th and 11th grade; 12th grade TBD)

Volleyball:

- Up and Coming West Michigan Dream Team (2021)
- Defensive MVP voted by team (2022 and 2023)
- Team Academic All-State (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Individual Academic All-State (2023)
- All Conference Honorable Mention (2023)
- All Area 2nd team (2023)
- District Champion (2023)
- Team captain (2022 and 2023)
- First in school history for digs per season and digs per set (2023)

Basketball:

- Team Academic All-State (2021-22 and 2022-23)
- District Champions (2022)
- Defensive MVP voted by team (2022)
- Team captain (2023)

Soccer:

- All District (2022)
- District Champions (2022 and 2023)

- All Conference (2023)
- All District (2023)
- All State Honorable Mention (2023)

3. List any extracurricular activities (clubs, volunteer work, etc.) (Specify years for each)

- Volunteered in children's ministry (2020-2023)
- Student-Athlete Leadership Team (2021-current)
- Youth soccer referee (2021-2023)
- National Honors Society (2022-current)
- Interact (2021-2022)
- Be Nice (2020-2022)

4. What person or event has had the most influence on your life? Please give a detailed explanation.

When I was a little girl, I used to go to my grandpa's softball games and cheer him on. Regardless of whether he won or lost, I was always so proud to see my grandpa out on the field playing his heart out. That's when I decided to adopt his jersey number: number 12. From that day forward, I was number 12 in every single sport I did. I wanted to play with the same heart and determination as my grandpa.

Grandparents are special in the way that you don't see them daily. Therefore, it overflows me with joy when I see my grandpa in the stands for my basketball games. After each game, he congratulates me for my toughness of play. It's almost like a full circle moment when he comes to watch me play with #12 on my back because I used to be the one observing *him*. One thing I appreciate immensely is the fact he never tries to coach or critique me; he simply is proud of me. My grandpa's influence of merely his presence has a calming sense. No matter my sport or school performance, his goal is to cheer me on in all I do, and I know he is extremely proud of me.

5. What are your future plans and goals, and what steps are you taking to accomplish them?

I am planning to attend a 4-year college and although I am undecided in what I want to study, nursing is an area of interest to me. My top school right now is Hope College, and I'm also looking into Grand Valley as they have a strong nursing program. In addition, at the end of January, I am going to visit St. Mary's College, and if I fall in love with the campus, there is a possibility I will play volleyball there. In addition, to learn more about what piques my interest, I plan to do a few job shadows. I definitely would love to shadow a nurse anesthetist. Moreover, in the next few months, I want to fully engage in my senior year activities and get all I can out of my last year of high school. With that being said, I am also challenging myself academically with three AP classes because I want to best prepare myself for college since I know it's not going to be an easy road. I am looking forward to what the future has in store for me.

Spring Lake

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Spring Lake, MI 49456-2096



Public Schools

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August, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter as a recommendation on behalf of Brooke Bolthouse. Since she is in the same graduating class as my daughter, I have known Brooke for most of her life. As her teacher, I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to see her in action during math class on two separate occasions – first as an 8th grader in my advanced algebra class in middle school, and then again as a 10th grader in my Algebra 2 class in high school. As her basketball coach, I have also been able to coach Brooke at several different times in her career – 5th and 6th grade community league, 7th Grade school team, and for three years on our school's Varsity Basketball team.

Brooke has been a very successful student academically over the years. She has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA while continuing to challenge herself by taking academically tough classes throughout her high school career. She has completed Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes. She is also a member of the National Honor Society here at Spring Lake High School. Brooke is one of the most focused people I know when it comes to successfully reaching an academic goal she has set for herself. She is very driven to do well and works hard to achieve that desired success in everything she does.

Although Brooke has had a successful academic career so far, she is also involved in many activities outside of the classroom. She has been involved in school social clubs (Be Nice) and school community clubs (Interact.) Brooke is also a highly decorated three-sport athlete. She is the captain of her varsity basketball and varsity volleyball teams. She has earned Academic All-State in both of those sports as well. In soccer, she has earned multiple All-Conference, All-District, and All-State Honorable Mention awards. After all of her academics, sports, and social clubs, she still finds time to volunteer often at local church and athletic functions.

With all of her academic and athletic success, it is the way Brooke treats those around her that separates her from her peers. She is consistently the most well-liked teammate and classmate. With all of her success in the classroom and in athletics, Brooke has never shown any signs of looking down on others. She is always kind and willing to help those around her.

Brooke is an academically successful student with strong social and leadership skills. She works hard and never settles when faced with tough challenges while always treating people with respect and kindness. These traits set her apart from her peers. Because of these traits, it is with great pride that I can recommend Brooke Bolthouse to you in your selection process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard W. Hyde".

Rich Hyde
High School Math Teacher
Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach



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Spring Lake, MI 49456

To whom it may concern,

It is my distinct privilege to write this recommendation for Brooke Bolthouse. I have had the honor of coaching Brooke for the last three years as the Varsity Volleyball Coach at Spring Lake High School. Over the last few years, I have personally witnessed Brooke's commitment, drive, and leadership both on and off the court.

In the classroom, Brooke excels, boasting a grade point average of 4.0 and ranked number one in her class. Brooke demonstrates the necessary life skills to balance a rigorous class schedule, including classes such as Anatomy and Physiology, DE Medical Terminology, AP Psychology, AP Literature, AP Language, and AP Spanish. Brooke also participates in three Varsity sports; volleyball, basketball and soccer. Brooke is an active member in many clubs, such as Be Nice, Interact, Student Athlete Leadership Team, as well as a member of National Honors Society. Brooke continues to show the time management, flexibility, and organizational skills that will benefit her in any future athletic or academic endeavors.

On the volleyball court, Brooke is calm, collected, and competitive. She leads her team as a positive role model with her strong, confident body language. Brooke is able to communicate effectively with all of her teammates and for this, her teammates look up to her immensely. Due to Brooke's strong leadership qualities, her peers voted her as team captain her Junior and Senior year season. Brooke was also selected by area coaches to be placed on our All Area Team her junior year.

As talented as Brooke is on the court, field and in the classroom, she is an even better person. I have had the opportunity to develop a relationship with Brooke, further strengthening my assumptions of her high work ethic and kind heart. Brooke has volunteered at our local church in the youth ministry program and has also given back to the community by offering her skills as a Youth Soccer Referee for two years. Brooke is well respected by her peers, and is looked upon as a role model for all students at Spring Lake High School. I believe that Brooke will be an asset to whatever team, organization, school, or program that she decides to pursue.

If you have any further questions regarding Brooke, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Cassidy Hazekamp

Cassidy Hazekamp
Girls Volleyball Coach
Spring Lake High School