

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: Zach Schlepp

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)

Below are five suggested questions we would like you to answer. Provide your narrative answers on separate attachments to this application. TYPE ONLY

1. What person or event has had the most influence on your life? Please give a detailed explanation.
2. What are your goals for the next five years and what steps are you taking to accomplish them?
3. List outside activities that are important to you and why. (clubs, volunteer work, etc.). *[Please specify year(s) for each]*
4. List any special academic honors, awards, scholarships, or achievements. *[Please specify year(s) for each]*
5. 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]
6. GPA: Optional

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

Please return the application to the address below.

Bob Wojcik

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DATES SHOWN BELOW.

Boys' Basketball: January 24

Girls' Basketball: January 24

Zach Schlepp

1. My mom and dad have had the most influence on my life. They always push me to be my best. I am thankful where I am today because they challenged me not only in athletics and academics, but most importantly, with life lessons. With the peer pressures of today, one quote always stands out in my mind "it's easy to stand in the crowd, but it takes courage to stand alone", by Mahatma Gandhi. They warned me that some kids will go down certain paths and I need to be confident to make good decisions and never be a follower. I believe that is why I am an effective leader both on and off the court and field. My coaches trust me to make good choices and set positive examples for the team. My parents are intense and they call me out when I need to make improvements. Sure, they could sit back in silence, but they don't because they believe in me so much. They are also my biggest fans and they are there every step of the way. Whether they are in the stands at a sporting event, giving me rides when I was younger, checking on my grades, or asking me if I was nice to the kid who didn't have a friend to hang out with at lunch, they helped me grow in so many ways. That has instilled good habits in me. Recently, this basketball season, I started volunteering for a business that does youth basketball skills training. I have trained elementary age kids and also special needs kids. Helping others at something I am good at gives me great satisfaction. So as I look back at growing up I can be nothing but thankful for how they always challenged me, but they were always the first ones to give me praise and be there for me.
2. My goals are to attend a four year university and obtain my business management degree. I am interested in the business field and I have taken accounting, economics, AP economics, personal finance and pre-calculus to help prepare myself. After I graduate college, I would like to begin my career in a small firm where I can make an impact using both my education and experience.
3. I love sports, so I have naturally gravitated to travel sports. I have not only worked on my athletic talent, but I have learned to be a good teammate.
Travel baseball (10 years)
Travel basketball (6 years)

Volunteering and giving back to the community is so important. It gives me a good feeling knowing I am helping people through something I am good at. I realize young kids look up to our Varsity team, as I did the same thing growing up.

Volunteer at youth basketball camp (4 years)

Volunteer at youth baseball camp (4 years)

Volunteer youth basketball coach (4 years)

Volunteer Basics Basketball for youth and special needs (1 season)

Volunteer leaf cleanup for elderly (1 year)

Volunteer food pantry (3 years)

Volunteer at Muskegon Rescue Mission (Began this year)

This year I began working at the Spring Lake Country Club as a bag boy. Completing a job application, going through an interview process, time management and being held accountable are key things that I have learned. I plan to work there again this year.

Spring Lake Country Club (job 1 year)

4. National Honor Society (3 years)
Academic All-District (1 year)
Honor Roll (4 years)

5. Basketball Team Captain (2 years)
Basketball first team All-Conference (1 year)
Baseball first team All-Conference (1 year)
Baseball first team All-District (1 year)
Baseball All-Conference honorable mention (1 year)
Baseball Preseason All-American (4 years)
Varsity Baseball (4 years)
Varsity Basketball (3 years)
Junior Varsity Basketball (1 year)
Travel Baseball (10 seasons)

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To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Zach Schlepp. It is an opportunity for me to share with others how special of a person Zach is. In over thirty years of teaching and coaching, he is one of the most well-rounded student-athletes I have been involved with.

When I think of words to describe Zach, the words that come to mind have been used in letters of recommendation before, but rarely the combination of words that I am going to use. Words like leadership, strong character, discipline and balance are words to describe Zach.

Leadership: Zach is a person who leads by example! He is so respected by his peers because of the way he lives his life at all times, he walks the walk. There is no fake about him, he is sincere and true, and because of this, when he leads, people follow. No surprise he is a captain for both the basketball and baseball teams.

Character: Zach is such a high character person! He does things the right way every time. He is polite, respectful, friendly, a rule follower and driven. In the world of a high schooler today, it is not easy to do the right thing all the time, especially when you might be in the minority. He is an absolute pleasure to be around at all times.

Discipline: Zach lives a straightforward disciplined lifestyle. His upbringing has taught him to be respectful of authority, the law, and others. He is also very disciplined when it comes to his academics, sports and his body. His attention to detail when it comes to school, nutrition and weight training is unmatched.

Balance: Zach has shown the unique ability to lead a life of balance! In today's world, the ability to balance family, school, athletics and community service at the high standard that Zach does is amazing. His organizational skills and strong discipline allow him to make balance a priority in his life.

When I think of the type of person who will excel in the college setting I think of words like leadership, character, discipline and balance.....The very same words I used to describe Zach Schlepp.

Selection Committee, Zach Schlepp will not only flourish at your University/College, but he will make a positive impact on your campus!

Sincerely,

William S. Core
Teacher, Coach
Spring Lake Area Recreation Director



To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great joy that I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Zachary Schlepp. As a teacher at Spring Lake High School (Spring Lake, MI), I have had the distinct enjoyment of knowing Zach as both a tremendous student and student-athlete. Zach received exemplary marks in my Advanced Placement Economics course and excelled as a tremendous baseball and basketball player during his time at Spring Lake High School. Undoubtedly most impressive, however, was his transparent character, warm sensibilities, and clear sense of ambition and purpose.

As Zach's AP teacher, his drive for high marks but also a clear understanding of the often complex subject matter was clear to me from day one. A rigorous, year-long course, AP Economics presents many challenges for high school students. Most notably, the course content asks students to think and problem solve in ways students have seldom ever experienced. What stood out to me during my time with Zach was his seemingly unwavering standard to understand something inside and out. A meticulous problem-solver, Zach needed to see the problem from every angle to clearly understand and appreciate the subject matter. As a teacher, you do not always see this from students. It became clear to me that Zach was unique in this way.

Moreover, throughout the duration of the course, Zach demonstrated the ability to remain consistent with respect to his level of commitment. This too, requires a unique degree of maturity from a high school student embarking on a college-level class. Aside from his high marks, what is even more impressive is that he did so while also juggling a myriad of other co-curricular activities at the high school.

Aside from his awesome career as a baseball and basketball player, in which he earned Captain's status and All-Conference honors on both teams, Zach also played a major role in the development of the community. Whether it be in the clubs at the high school he was a part of such as National Honors Society, or in the greater Spring Lake community as a volunteer youth coach, it goes without saying that Zach's impact stretches far and wide. This sense of community and togetherness very much appears to be woven into the fabric of who Zach is. Lastly, it especially pleased me to learn of Zach's entrepreneurial skills. Over the summer Zach ran and operated his own lawn mowing business, which certainly made his Economics teacher very proud.

Somewhere between his academics, athletics, and other extracurricular activities, Zach has managed to remain committed to his leadership role amongst his peers. Often leading by example, Zach has been a true testament to the type of character values we as educators all hope our students adopt and embrace. Zach is the type of kid we all cannot wait to see embark on the world. His personal constitution to what is morally and ethically right is perhaps what makes us most proud.

For these reasons and more, the students and faculty at Spring Lake High School hold Zach in the highest regard and emphatically support him in all future endeavors. With respect to an unrivaled drive at academic success and high moral standing amongst his peers, one would be hard-pressed to find a more exemplary student to be joining a study body than Mr. Zachary Schlepp.

Respectfully,

Kyle Jewett
Economics, AP Economics Teacher
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