

NCR 2025-2026 Scholarship Essay

1. I began volleyball my freshman year of high school, and it was probably the best sporadic decision I have made. Volleyball helped me navigate professional and peer communication to help me learn better as an athlete and student. This communication growth has also taught me how much of an impact words have on people. This skill allowed me to not only become a better equipped athlete, but a friend. This sport has given me more than any skill I could detail now because it has given me a new kind of family. Today I stand surrounded by friends and mentors who I have been able to grow with and learn from, and I would not have been able to learn what a successful athlete is without this family.

2. This fall I will begin not only my education to prepare for my undergraduate work for physician assistant graduate school, but I will begin my prerequisite hours as an EMT. My end goal is to become a certified physician assistant (PA-C) within 3-4 years after I earn my bachelors degree. I am hoping to provide care in orthopedic sports medicine for athletes in need of recovery. The prerequisite courses needed to apply for PA school are highly intensive, alongside the 2000 hour requirement for hands-on experience will be a difficult and rewarding thing to manage alone. However, I am very excited to begin working in an area where I am helping people everyday feel a little bit better than when they first came to see me.

3. I have been granted this opportunity to play college volleyball with the other 5% of athletes in my position. Unfortunately in order to go to Hamline University for four years is more expensive than the other schools that also provide an excellent undergraduate education, but don't provide me with this once in a lifetime opportunity. In addition to my four years at Hamline University I will attend a PA graduate school which not only supplies students with the knowledge of a doctor, but with medical equipment to use throughout your career. These rare opportunities make my journey to be a PA-C unique and helpful, and any financial support to aid in my focus on exploring the medical world will be incredibly useful.