

# Scholarship Applicant Summary

<b>Name:</b>	Madisen Camp	<b>Age at Graduation:</b>	17
<b>Site:</b>	Home Campus	<b>Length of Stay:</b>	8 months
<b>Post Graduation Plan:</b>	2-Year College	<b>Placement Status:</b>	Probation
<b>GPA:</b>	3.82	<b>ACT Score:</b>	17
<b>Planning Meeting #1:</b>	80	<b>Planning Meeting #2:</b>	92
<b>School Name:</b>	Northeast Community College	<b>Current Employment:</b>	Not currently employed
<b>SSM Model Category #:</b>	1	<b>Pell Amount \$</b>	740
<b>Extra-Curricular:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Singing at church (2026)</li> <li>- HOSA (2025-2026)</li> <li>- Cheer (2025)</li> </ul>		
<b>Leadership Positions:</b>	- HOSA - I am working to get my CNA license. I will be competing in competitions for HOSA. (2025-2026)		
<b>Major/Field of Work or Study:</b>	Welding Technician		
<b>Post-Graduation Final Plan Details:</b>	I plan to go to Northeast Community College for welding in the fall. I will live with my mother over the summer and during breaks. I will pay for college using the FAFSA and scholarships. My plan is to go for the full 2-year, associate's degree and not just the certificate.		
<b>What needs to be done to finalize my plan:</b>	I need to be accepted into the housing at Northeast Community College. I need a way of transportation to get to and from school daily, on breaks, and over the summer. I have been accepted into the housing at Northeast Community College, but I am really far down on the list, and I am trying to find an alternative living option.		
<b>Youth Identified Challenges/Barriers:</b>	Money is a barrier for me because I am going to struggle to pay for things while am at college and I will also struggle to pay for college itself. Transportation is a barrier for me because I currently do not have a way to get from point a to point b. Communication is also going to be a barrier because I do not have any way of talking with my family while I am away because I do not have a phone or any other way of communicating.		
<b>Housing Plan:</b>	College dorm		
<b>Outstanding Needs:</b>	I will need money to pay for the cost of transportation and schooling.		

## Letter of Recommendation

<b>Student:</b>	<b>Camp, Madisen (2-year college)</b>	<b>Completed On: 1/30/26</b>
<b>Recommender:</b>	<b>Kreikemeier, Jeremy (Teacher/Mentor)</b>	<b>Total Score: N/A</b>
<b>Application Type:</b> Community Supports		
<b>Insightful Recommendation</b>		
<b>Can you share a moment when the applicant demonstrated integrity, empathy, or leadership in a meaningful way?</b>		
Madison is currently working together with another student to complete their welding project.		
<b>Has the applicant faced a significant challenge, and how did they respond or grow from that experience?</b>		
Madison has had to get a job earlier than expected to help her mother provide food for the family and sometimes they had to do without. Because of this she shows great determination in her welding pursuits.		
<b>What aspects of the applicant's character or experience make them a strong fit for the Successful Futures program (Housing or Community Supports) and/or strengthen their scholarship application?</b>		
Madison is easy to talk to and work with. Also, she is ready to face the next challenge even if she needs to seek assistance to overcome these challenges.		
<b>Can you share a specific story or moment that highlights the applicant's strengths or the positive impact they've made, based on your personal experience with them?</b>		
Since getting to know Madison, she now comes to class offering a side hug before we walk into the welding shop.		
<b>Is there any additional insight or information you'd like to provide about this applicant that hasn't been covered yet?</b>		

## Letter of Recommendation

<b>Student:</b>	<b>Camp, Madisen (2-year college)</b>	<b>Completed On: 2/18/26</b>
<b>Recommender:</b>	<b>Schernikau, Stephanie (Teacher/Mentor)</b>	<b>Total Score: N/A</b>

### Application Type:

Community Supports

### Insightful Recommendation

#### Can you share a moment when the applicant demonstrated integrity, empathy, or leadership in a meaningful way?

One moment that shows Maddie's integrity, empathy, and leadership is actually just how she shows up every day. She's a strong role model for other students, and she leads simply by being herself. She's kind and welcoming to everyone, not just the people in her friend group. I've seen her help classmates who are confused with schoolwork, but she also steps in and gently guides students when they're about to make a not-so-great choice.

She's shared with me that she used to struggle with confidence, but you'd never guess that now. She's really grown into someone who speaks up, supports others, and sets a positive example. Her growth and the way she treats people really highlight her character.

#### Has the applicant faced a significant challenge, and how did they respond or grow from that experience?

I don't know all the personal details of the challenges Maddie has faced, but she has shared with me that her home life hasn't always been stable. Even without knowing everything she's been through, I can clearly see how she responds to difficulty. She shows up every day as a responsible, focused, and respectful student. I never have to worry about her classwork or her behavior because she handles both in a very mature and responsible way. She stays positive, she makes good choices, and she sets a great example just by being dependable and kind.

#### What aspects of the applicant's character or experience make them a strong fit for the Successful Futures program (Housing or Community Supports) and/or strengthen their scholarship application?

Maddie is a strong fit for the Successful Futures program because she's reliable, consistent, kind, and determined. She stays focused, avoids drama, and can be counted on to follow through. I think these are qualities that will help her succeed in housing or community support programs and strengthen her scholarship application.

#### Can you share a specific story or moment that highlights the applicant's strengths or the positive impact they've made, based on your personal experience with them?

One moment that really shows Maddie's strengths is when she was asked to sit next to a student who struggles to stay focused. She was chosen because she's encouraging and always models what a good, on-task student looks like. Just by sitting there and being herself, she helps that student stay more grounded and successful. It's a great example of the quiet, positive impact she makes in the classroom.

#### Is there any additional insight or information you'd like to provide about this applicant that hasn't been covered yet?

Maddie is a genuinely kind and hard-working student. She avoids drama and doesn't get pulled into other issues that could get in the way of her learning. She is driven and I have no doubt that Maddie would use every single gift to the fullest capacity. Maddie is a very good student with goals and aspirations.

Hello! My name is Madisen Elizabeth Camp. I prefer to be called Maddie. I have come a long way from where I started before I came to Boys Town. My plans for after Boys Town are to go to college at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska. I will be going to college to get my associates degree in welding. I want to do travel welding for a few years and then I will settle down and find a company to weld for. I plan on travel welding for a few years because I have not been able to travel very much. I would love to see some unusual places. I would like to travel the world but that is expensive. So, I will settle for traveling to a few different states. Some states that I want to see are specifically Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and a few coastal states. I would like to do either pipeline welding or fine arts welding. I also want to do a career in nursing but that may not happen right away. That is okay though because I have my whole life ahead of me. I have so many things to look forward to and live for that it is impossible to think about anything negative.

Having a negative mindset has always been a struggle for me because I have ADHD and Bipolar Disorder. They have both been a huge part of why I have struggled mentally. I have battled depressive episodes. I have experienced many manic episodes as well, but they are usually only hypomania episodes. Anxiety and depression have been a major speed bump in my life plans. They have caused me to lose sight of what I am capable of and the importance of my life. God has put me here for a reason and I am just trying to find that reason. They have also caused me to lose sight of who I am and who I can be. Living with these things has been detrimental to my mental and physical health. It has affected my physical health by giving me the feeling of not being hungry, so I eat less, then lose weight. It has affected my mental health by giving me the feeling that I am just a burden on others and myself. I have been working on trying to not feel this way by asking the person who I am talking to, or asking for help, if it is any

trouble for them or not. I have also been trying to tell myself that I am normal, whatever that means, and that the people around me who actually care are just trying to help me succeed in life. They are also trying to help me succeed and get through my schooling so that I can get a successful job and live a happy life. I hope that the people around me continue to help me grow and thrive not just physically but also mentally and emotionally.

The most valuable lesson I have learned here at Boys Town is that I cannot control everything and that is okay. Sometimes I just need to go with the flow and let things go on that need to happen. I only say this because life is going to come and go and there is nothing that I can do to stop time. I cannot stop time to allow me to decide, so I need to think quickly. Although there are some things that I will need to take some time to think about before I decide, life is not going to wait for me. There is no one who can stop time and no one who is going to wait for me to take forever to decide. The people who have truly helped me to see what it takes to succeed in life are my Family Teachers Calvin and Cortney Herrmann and my consultant Mary. They have helped me find the best me. They have taught me valuable lessons and taught me that life keeps going no matter what happens. I really appreciate them for teaching me this. Some people who look at this and say “well that’s not a very positive thing” but, before Boys Town I would go through one challenging thing and it would seem like everything was all over for me, when in all reality it was not.

There are many challenges that I know I am going to have to face. Some of those challenges are educational challenges like grades and attendance. Some challenges that I will have to face are going to be financial challenges like rent, utilities, and eventually car and phone payments. More challenges that I know I will have to face are career challenges like dealing with discrimination because I am a woman and I am small. I know that I will continue to battle with

my ADHD and Bipolar Disorder but, I know that I can overcome it if I put in my full effort to improve. I will deal with these challenges by allowing myself time to think and prepare for everything that will come my way. I will also deal with these challenges by telling myself that I will always have someone to talk to and someone is always willing to listen. Although I know that there will be surprises that I will encounter and I will deal with those as they come up. I will make sure that I always have a backup fund for when something breaks suddenly. The lessons that I have learned here at Boys Town will help me to overcome obstacles and fight through the tough times. It will also help me to be able to see the potential future outcomes.

I have taken many steps to prepare for my future. In fact, I have created a whole staircase for my future. I have carefully planned and decided on what I want to do for my future. My plan is to go to college for welding and become a pipeline welder. Then I will travel the States while working on different welding projects. I have weighed the pros and cons of each of my plans and decided on the one with the least severe cons. I also decided on the one that I would enjoy most. I am so very thankful for Calvin and Courtney Herrmann, Mary, and my teachers at school. I am so very thankful for the opportunity to be able to learn and grow while I was here and the huge opportunity that it is to graduate from here. I cannot wait to leave but I also know that I am going to miss being here and seeing everyone that has helped me become a better person. I will most definitely come back every so often to visit and catch up with my Family Teachers. I will always be thankful for my mother who has encouraged me to accept the program and just get through it.

I believe that I have done so much more than just getting through the programing. I have lived and discovered a better, newer, and more fulfilling life. I have discovered the amazing person that I can be and want to be. I have also found out how to see the world in a brighter and more positive way than I used to. I struggled with that when I first came to Boys Town and now,

I can look at the situation and see the positives and not the negatives. I have learned how to trust and love not just other people but also myself. I feel like Courtney Herrmann has really been the light at the end of the deep, dark tunnel. She has helped me to see how great and beautiful the world really is. Courtney Herrmann has been a huge influence on me. She has helped me grow not just mentally and academically but also religiously. Courtney Herrmann has helped me grow with my faith in ways that I never knew possible. Thank you for your time.