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Liudahl Fine Arts & Service Scholarship

*Application deadline –
March 31 of current year*

This scholarship is not paid out until second semester.



I. Eligibility requirements:

- A current graduating senior of Kindred High School
- Accepted for post-secondary education/training in a college, university or vocational/technical school as a first-year student.
- Applicant must have participated in at least one of the fine arts programs offered at Kindred High School in grades 9-12.
- Applicant must show examples of leadership/community service volunteer experience.
- A 2.5 GPA is required to apply.
- Two reference letters requested (not from a family member)
- Applicant must provide, in 500 words or less essay form, their goals in life and a plan on how they can better serve their community.

II. General Information:

A. Your Name: Lawryn Onken
Permanent Address: 5032 Elm Tree Road Kindred, ND 58051
Telephone: 701-212-0640
Email address: Lawrynonken@gmail.com
College Attending: South Dakota State University
Overall GPA: 3.71
Fine Arts Program: Speech

III. Personal essay: In 500 words or less, please provide your goals in life, your examples of leadership or volunteer experience, and a plan on how you can better service your community.

Please use 12-point type and double-space your personal statement.

IV. Attach two reference letters (not from a family member).

Lawryn Onken
Signature

March 11, 2024
Date

Applications should be
returned to Kindred School
Counselor,
Leslie Lemke by
March 31 of current year



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Mission

To Educate, Prepare, and Maximize Student Potential

It is my pleasure to recommend Lauryn Onken for your consideration.

I have had the opportunity to work with Lauryn during her time at Kindred High School as a student in both my ninth-grade Physical Science class and again as a senior in Human Anatomy and Physiology. Over those years, Lauryn has consistently stood out not only for their academic ability, but more importantly for their strong communication skills, leadership, and genuine compassion for others.

From early on, Lauryn demonstrated an ability to work well with others and contribute positively to group environments. Whether participating in lab activities or collaborative projects, they assumed the role as a facilitator and helped keep their group focused on accomplishing the task at hand. Their ability to listen to others, respect different perspectives, and help focus discussions made them stand out in the classroom.

In Anatomy and Physiology, where many activities require careful collaboration and discussion, Lauryn continued to demonstrate these same strengths. She consistently helped create a positive learning environment for their peers and were often someone other students felt comfortable approaching with questions. She even initiated a student-ran study group dedicated to her and her classmates sharing resources, videos, and communications about study material. Her willingness to help classmates understand challenging material reflected both her patience and their genuine concern for the success of others.

Beyond the classroom, Lauryn has taken on a number of leadership roles that clearly reflect her strong character and sense of responsibility. Through these positions, she has shown an ability to guide others, communicate effectively, and represent their peers in a thoughtful and respectful way. Her dedication as a student council president as well as member of FCCLA and the speech team has developed these skills and established her as someone her peers rely on.

In addition, one of the qualities that stands out most about Lauryn is her moral character. She consistently demonstrates integrity, respect, and empathy in her interactions with students, staff, and community members. She has been a leader in various ways within her church, as well as a student ambassador and mentor for other philanthropic organizations. These traits, combined with her leadership experience and ability to work effectively with others, make her an individual who positively impacts any group or organization she is a part of.

Considering Lauryn's communication skills, compassion for others, proven leadership abilities, and academic prowess, I am confident that they will continue to grow and succeed as they move forward in their academic and professional pursuits. I feel these qualities make her an excellent candidate for a future in nursing.

Sincerely,
Mr. Tracy Clapper
Science Teacher
Kindred High School
Tracy.clapper@k12.nd.us



To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Lauryn Onken, a member of the Kindred High School Class of 2026. As a school counselor at Kindred High School, I have had the opportunity to observe Lauryn grow into a kind, giving, and community-oriented young leader who consistently demonstrates compassion, responsibility, and a genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

Lauryn is an excellent student who takes pride in her academic work. She has earned Honor Roll recognition throughout high school and maintains a strong GPA, including an impressive senior year GPA of 3.86. Her commitment to learning reflects both her work ethic and her determination to pursue her goal of studying Nursing at South Dakota State University and eventually becoming a Nurse Practitioner.

Beyond the classroom, Lauryn stands out as a strong leader and positive influencer among her peers. As Student Council President and a multi-year Volleyball Captain, she has demonstrated the ability to guide others, communicate effectively, and bring people together to accomplish shared goals. She leads by example, showing integrity, respect, and appreciation for those around her.

Lauryn is also deeply committed to serving others. She has volunteered with organizations such as Make-A-Wish, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Feed My Starving Children, and Homeward Animal Shelter. She has mentored younger students through Peer Mentoring and served as a leader in Vacation Bible School and church programs. These experiences highlight her compassionate and patient nature, as well as her dedication to improving her community.

Lauryn is a thoughtful, appreciative, and service-minded individual who will undoubtedly make a meaningful impact in the nursing profession. I strongly recommend her for scholarships and future opportunities.

Leslie Lemke, MS, NCC, NCSC
Counselor, Kindred High School
Past-President, North Dakota Counseling Association

Goal Essay

My goal in life is to pursue a career where I can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. I plan to attend South Dakota State University and major in nursing, with the long-term goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner. I have always been drawn to helping people, and nursing offers the opportunity to combine compassion, knowledge, and service. I hope to work in a field where I can provide care, comfort, and support to patients and their families during important moments in their lives.

Throughout high school, I have developed leadership skills through school activities and community involvement. I have been involved in Student Council for four years and currently am the President. In this role, I help lead meetings, organize school events, and represent the my classmates. Being a leader has taught me responsibility, communication, and the importance of working together toward a goal we all agree on. I have also been a captain of the volleyball team, where I learned how to motivate teammates, encourage others, and lead by example both on and off the court.

Service has also been a significant part of my high school experience. I have volunteered with organizations such as Feed My Starving Children, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Make-A-Wish, and Homeward Animal Shelter. I have also helped lead Vacation Bible School and Church School for younger students. These experiences have allowed me to see how even small acts of service can have a meaningful impact on others. Volunteering has strengthened my compassion and my desire to pursue a career focused on caring for people.

In the future, I hope to continue serving my community through my career in healthcare and through volunteer work. As a Nurse Practitioner, I want to help provide accessible and

compassionate care, especially in communities that may have limited healthcare resources. I also plan to remain involved in community service and mentorship. By combining my passion for healthcare, leadership, and service, I hope to make a lasting positive impact on the people and communities around me.