

Liudahl Fine Arts and Service Scholarship

General information

Carson Gette

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4.0 GPA

Fine Arts Programs

- **One Act** (3x Regional Superior Actor, 2x State Superior Actor, 2x Best actor, 3x State Champion) 4 years
- **Speech** (Region Champion in Entertain and Humorous Duo, 4th place state finish in Humorous Duo) 3 years
- **North Dakota Scholastic Writing Competition** (Gold key in Narrative Essay)
- **Musicals** (Best actor 2026) 3 years
- **Show Choir** 2 years
- **Choir** (Outstanding Performance 2025, MS honor choir) 5 years
- **Art Classes** (Graphic Design, Art)
- **School Mascot**

Essay

As of right now, my plans are to attend UND to pursue a degree in nursing. After receiving my nursing degree and working in the ICU for a couple of years, I plan to attend CRNA (certified registered nurse anesthetist) school to become a nurse anesthetist. I plan to become a nurse because I have always been fascinated with the human body. I have taken many of health classes this year, including a CNA (certified nurse assistant) class and Anatomy and Physiology, both which I have thoroughly enjoyed. My passion for learning about the body, along with my love for helping others, I can picture myself working my way up the ranks to one day become a nurse anesthetist. Anesthesia has always fascinated me ever since I got to

experience it when I got my wisdom teeth removed a couple years ago, and I think it's the job for me. Other goals I have for college are getting involved in volunteering at UND, joining the club baseball team or powerlifting team, and joining other organizations that will help me become the best version of myself.

As for personal experience in making the community better, most of my work has been through extracurriculars. My most notable community involvement is my mascot skills. Whether it be at a basketball game, pep-rally, or tailgate, I'm usually the person behind that hot sweaty suit. While it seems unappealing to be enclosed in a lethargic sticky body suit, it has given be an opportunity to unite the community. My personal favorite part of the job is seeing the joy on kids' faces when they see a friendly Viking come their way. In addition to being the mascot, I am involved in classes, organizations, and extracurriculars that are constantly improving the community, most notably including Student Council and PaY (Philanthropy and Youth). I currently have 3 years of student council experience, doing many community improving activities like setting up school dances, organizing school spirit weeks, designing graphics for events, and most importantly being involved in Fill the Dome. Fill the Dome is a food drive organized by student councils in North Dakota. Every year, Kindred is one of the top fundraisers. Through Fill the Dome I have had the opportunity to raise non-perishable food items by knocking door to door, setting up competitions for schools to raise the most food, and raising money at events like the pancake feed at the Fargodome. Going off my student council experience, PaY is another area where I get to assist the community. While my time in PaY has been short, it has been potentially the most impactful to my life compared to other extracurriculars. In PaY, I have gotten the opportunity to visit nonprofits in surrounding areas, learn about homelessness, and donate to people in need. Along with these, other extracurriculars

such as the Kindred Musical, Leadership (a class offered through kindred), One Act, and sports have given me even more community involvement opportunities such as community performances, service projects, community choir concerts, and fun runs. I also had the opportunity to be an Emcee for Kindred's fine arts night, which was a leadership position I was very fortunate to represent.

When I attend UND, I will join clubs to and volunteering opportunities. Fill the Dome, which I mentioned earlier, has always been a blast for me, so I hope I can get involved with the food banks at UND. If possible, I would also love to be a tutor to help educate fellow classmates. As for kindred, I plan to continue my work I've put in throughout my high school experience, whether it be extracurriculars, community service, or being a role model the younger students can look up to.

January 25, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Carson Gette. I have had the privilege of teaching and working with Carson for the last four years, as his English teacher during his junior and senior years of high school, and as the director of our One Act play, which he participated in all four years of high school. After all these years, I can confidently attest to his creativity, his leadership, and his caring personality.

In the classroom, Carson distinguished himself as a thoughtful, creative, and reflective writer. During his senior year, Carson submitted a narrative essay to the North Dakota Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition where it earned a Gold Medal and advanced to competition at the national level. Carson's writing reflects Carson himself—creative, caring, introspective, and good-humored. In the classroom and outside it, Carson brings his fun-loving energy to every situation, and his peers as well as his coaches/teachers all benefit from his presence.

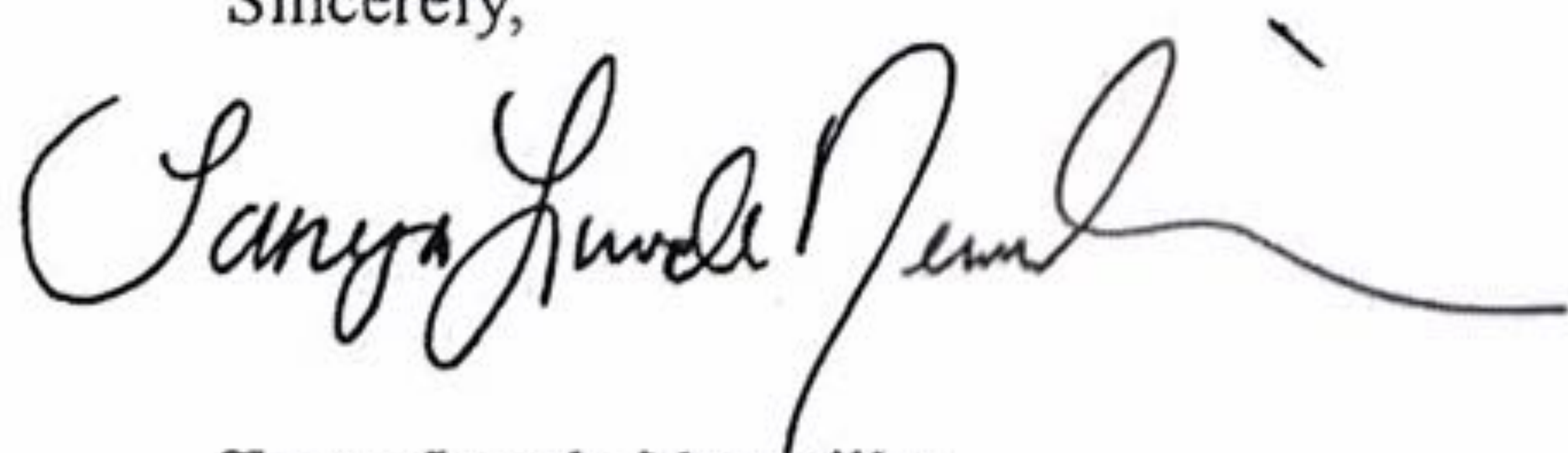
Beyond academics, Carson's leadership and character also were consistently evident throughout his participation in the One-Act play. From his freshman year, Carson delivered truly outstanding performances, forcing his peers to match his energy. Beginning his junior year and continuing through this past year, Carson emerged as a key leader, encouraging younger actors and actresses, supporting all cast and crew members, and providing his creative ideas at every rehearsal. In addition, Carson received the Superior Actor award at regionals three years in a row, and two times at the state level. However, while certainly the awards speak to his talent as a performer, they don't completely capture his impact as a member of the cast. He was a student I depended upon to be a leader, and he delivered, modeling unending enthusiasm for our demanding work schedule and helping to build such strong performances that we were awarded the state championship title in the NDHSAA State Class B One-Act Play Contest for the last three years.

What truly sets Carson apart, however, are his character and his dynamic leadership style. Carson is a genuinely kind, funny, and affable young man who treats others with respect. For example, Carson has gone out of his way to express his appreciation for the time and effort I have put into the classroom as his teacher and as the director of the One-Act play. In addition, I see Carson using these talents outside of the classroom and off the stage as well. As a member of the student council, for example, Carson uses his talents to serve our school community by volunteering to lead school activities like pep rallies, helping to organize a food drive, and wearing the costume of our school mascot—Viktor the Viking—firing up our entire community to support our athletic teams.

Carson is the type of student who really increases the positivity of every space he enters. I am so confident that he will continue to do that as he enters this next stage of his life and in all his future endeavors. I know the PaY organization well—my daughter was an active participant—and I really can't recommend Carson enough. I believe he has all of the traits that you are looking for in a recipient.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss my recommendation further. My telephone number is 701-400-5046, or you may reach me by email at Tanya.Neumiller@kl2.nd.us.

Sincerely,



Tanya Lunde Neumiller
English 11/Composition/Advanced Composition Instructor
One Act Play Director

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to recommend Carson Gette for your scholarship. I have known Carson for four years, both as his teacher and as his mentor in the PaY program. Throughout this time, he has proven himself to be an outstanding student who is hardworking, outgoing, and dedicated.

In the classroom, Carson consistently demonstrates focus, responsibility, and a strong desire to learn. He actively participates in discussions, collaborates well with peers, and approaches challenges with determination and integrity. A natural leader, Carson motivates and encourages his classmates, helping them strive to do their best while fostering a positive and supportive environment. His willingness to assist others, combined with his ability to lead by example, creates a classroom where students feel inspired and valued. Carson's leadership extends beyond formal roles, as he consistently models dedication, perseverance, and respect, setting a high standard for those around him.

Beyond the classroom, Carson is deeply committed to serving his community and taking on leadership roles. He has contributed through student council, assisted with basketball camps, participated in the Out of the Darkness Walk, performed with the Bethel Church Christmas Choir, served as community chair, and volunteered at the local food bank. His involvement in speech, choir, show choir, one-act play, FCCLA, PaY, and National Honor Society further highlights his ability to balance multiple commitments while maintaining high standards in academics and personal growth. In every role, he demonstrates initiative, empathy, and dedication, always striving to make a positive impact on others. Carson's service reflects his strong character, sense of responsibility, and genuine desire to help and lead others, making him a well-rounded and inspiring young leader.

In conclusion, Carson's combination of academic excellence, leadership, and community service make him an exceptional candidate for this scholarship. I am confident that he will continue to grow, excel, and positively impact any community he is a part of.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Cournia
Language Arts Teacher
Kindred High School