

Dear The Pastor Family,

My name is Baker Lister and I am applying for the Aaron Pastor Memorial Scholarship. I finished my senior wrestling season as 27-12 and ended up taking 5th place at state. (Between a family of wrestlers I had him pinned, ask coach Mann it was a terrible call). Regardless to how I individually ended up, I believe that I made something more out of the program. The team won several duels but lost many mainly due to the fact that we were extremely young this year with the majority of our team being underclassmen. I was the senior captain and spread my values through the team and it is shown as I received the tiger award, which is an award given to a single wrestler on the team who exemplified the correct characteristics and values of the exemplar wrestler.

In regards to my academic career I am enrolled in two AP courses in my senior year and currently have a 3.8 unweighted GPA and was placed on the all-state academic team. In previous years, I have participated in programs such as the CAPS program and pursued my engineering interests and have worked with companies like Black and Veatch.

My seventh hour class is called "Peer Tutoring" where I helped kids with disabilities and have formed a friendship with one of the students named Noah Boeckmann. He has high functioning autism and can be a handful but always makes me laugh and puts a smile on my face. He loves McDonalds and I can recite his order word for word. I read that your son also developed an interest and love for kids with special needs and I too have found that through my class and through my mother who is a special education teacher.

As for church or religious involvement I regularly attended services at Church of the Resurrection every Saturday, but due to my schedule of sports and work I am unfortunately not able to be as involved in regards to youth groups, etc. as much as I would like to be.

I plan on attending the university of Kansas State next year and majoring in either civil engineering or computer hardware engineering, and minoring in Spanish. I have already been accepted into the school of engineering and look forward to pursuing my academic interests as well as athletic, where I am still deciding on whether or not to play rugby or walk on and try making the football team.

Thank you for taking the time to recognize athletes in the wrestling program as we do not get as much attention as other sports such as football. It means a lot to me that I was chosen to be one of the applicants of this scholarship and even be compared to Aaron Pastor, on the basis of my accomplishments throughout my senior year.

Sincerely, Baker Lister.