Ligonier Country Market Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name Nathaniel Gray
List School and Community Activities-include any offices held(attach additional pages if needed). See resume
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School you plan to attend? La Roche University
Have you been accepted? YES Field of Study? Engineering
What are your career goals/aspirations? To be the first in my family to graduate College
No. of years you have been involved with the Ligonier Country Market? 5 going on
No. of years you have been involved in an organized agricultural-related program? $\frac{N}{A}$
What has been your most important accomplishment? See Attatched Essay
If you participated in the Ligonier Country Market, How? (Try to include a list of the activities, camps, conferences, offices, chairs, etc.) See Attatched Essay
List any disciplinary actions (probations, detentions, suspensions, expulsions) from a school district, club or sport (include if you ever quit a club or sport) and explain how the action does not affect your status as a role model.
have accurately completed this application. The Ligonier Country Market has my permission to release a copy of my transcript and the above information to the scholarship committee.
Student's Signature: Date: 2/27/23
Parent's Signature: Date:
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SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AND ESSAY TO LCM OFFICE BY 2:15 P.M. FRIDAY, March 3, 2023.^

My Most Important Accomplishment

The most important accomplishment to me would be committing to La Roche University to play soccer. I started playing at the age of 3; I had always wanted to push myself to the limit. Over the years I have played many tournaments along side some of my best friends. We have been at the bottom of the barrel taking last, then there are also the times where we would win or take second. Along with that, I was named captain of my high school soccer team my junior and senior year. While I had been going through all of these challenges, I would always have my friends and family by my side. They would always push me to be the best person I could be during these events. Especially the day I signed with La Roche.

How I have participated in the Ligonier Country Market

Over the past 5 years, I have partaken in the Ligonier Country Market in many different ways. The first time I ever worked at the Market had been when I was 12. Cari Frei asked me if I could count people who came in through the door at the Christmas Market. I remember just sitting down for about an hour counting who came through the door until Cari called me up to her area. She then put me to work by helping people carry things to their cars. After the market was all done, we stayed over for about another hour helping vendors tear down their booths and take them to their cars. After that, I have worked at the market ever since. I have done a variation of jobs ranging from being a parking attendant to being the head person in charge while she was on vacation. Currently I am the assistant sites coordinator but I really just do whatever Cari tells me to do. For example, some days I may have to prepare for the next Saturday and make sure that the bricks are able to be seen or I will have to interview vendors to see if their product is good enough to qualify for the market.

What the Ligonier Country Market Means to Me

The Ligonier Country Market is more than just a place to work. Over the years that I have been there, I have learned many valuable lessons that will help me in the future.

One lesson that I have learned is to help one another whenever they may need it. One of the stories that pops into my head when I think about this is how I once helped out a little girl find where Aunt Julia's Donuts had been. I remember having to get down a little bit so that I could hear her and I said that "I loved their donuts as well." After that, I pointed them into the direction of where the donut shop was. This memory has shown me how nice it is to see someone smile in the world.

Another thing that the Market has taught me is the difference between family and business. As you may know, my aunt, Cari Frei, is the Executive Director at the Market. Although she is a part of my family, we still treat the market as business. We get things done when they need to be done and help people out with what they may need. She has given me instruction and has had to tell me I was doing things wrong. When it first happened, I had been shocked because she hadn't yelled at me before. Then she talked to me about how business is business and personal is personal. Even when we have a bad day at work, when it is family time, everything is left behind at work. I know this is something that I wouldn't have learned without the Ligonier Country Market.

Along with that, I have had to be the leader of the parking attendants many times because I had been the most experienced at that position. This can translate to my athletics because I have been the team captain of the soccer team for the past two years, and the captain of the football team this past year. Being the captain of a team is an honor, but with the title must come leadership. Anytime that someone would get upset in a game, I would talk to them to get them back into the game. Typically, if someone would mess up, I would say something along the lines of, "It's ok. It already happened and there's nothing you can do about it now. You can only change what's going to happen with the next play so get this one out of your head." Just saying something like this would boost ones confidence and they'd be right back in it on the next play. It's not about pulling the team behind you; it's about leading your team to victory. This is what we do as parking attendants at the market. We have the customers take their frustrations out on us, but we have to get back in the game and treat everyone with respect.

Of everything that I have learned at Ligonier Country Market, I have learned to be the man I am today. I thank everyone who has helped me through this.

DERRY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICIAL STUDENT TRANSCRIPT

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February 21, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of Nathaniel Gray. I first met Nate last year when he was a junior enrolled in my dual enrollment College Algebra course. During this time, I got to know Nate through many conversations in and out of class time, where he has demonstrated leadership skills, a desire to learn, and kindness towards his peers.

For the past two years, I have seen Nate grow even more as a leader among his peers. He is caring and works very well with his classmates. Nate is conscience of his studies. He would always participate and ask questions in class. His academic achievements have led him to ranking 39th in his class of about 135 students, with a GPA of 3.85, leading him consistently to be on the honor roll. Nate has maintained a high level of academic achievement while taking AP and dual enrollment courses.

Excelling outside of the classroom, Nate is very involved in athletics at our school. He has played soccer for the past 15 years, earning the Paskovich award. For the past four years, Nate has been on the Varsity soccer team and he has served as captain for the past two years. Nate has also spent the past four years on the Varsity football team, earning the Jack Gulas award and leading the team as captain this year. To round out his athletics, Nate has played baseball for the past eight years, as well. Through these sports Nate has developed leadership and teamwork skills along with persistence. Nate's involvement in extracurricular activities include Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a member of the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy. In addition to school sponsored activities, Nate has also worked for Fastenerstop for four years and for the Ligonier Country Market for five years. Nate knows the importance of helping for four years and for the Ligonier Country Market for five years. Nate knows the importance of helping for four years and for the Ligonier Country Market for five years. Nate knows the importance of helping for four years and for the Ligonier Country Market for five years. Nate knows the importance of helping the community. He has volunteered at the food bank multiple times.

Nate has a strong work ethic and works very well with others. He is a determined, hardworking young man. His future plans include attending LaRoche University to earn a degree in Engineering. I recommend Nate for the your scholarship with absolute confidence in his academic abilities. He has made me proud, and I know that any investment in his future will be truly one of value. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information. You may reach me at akenmerer@dasd.us.

Sincerely, Ashley A. Kemmerer Mathematics Teacher

Dear Sir/Madam:

It is a great pleasure to provide a recommendation for Nathaniel Gray. Nathaniel is an outstanding student academically, socially, and he has an outstanding work ethic.

To begin, Nathaniel had always done extremely well in my class. His grades were always above average. Additionally, his ability to comprehend and follow directions aided in his performance.

Furthermore, Nathaniel has excellent interpersonal skills. For example, he was always an exceptional student choice while working cooperatively. Other students seemed to be drawn to him. Moreover, he always added a degree of cheerfulness to those around him.

Finally, in today's world, work ethic seems to be vanishing. Nathaniel, on the other hand, seems to be an exception to the rule. For instance, if he was absent from school, he never required someone to chase after him to make up missed work. He would always stop in and check with his teachers so he wouldn't be behind.

In conclusion, Nathaniel is an outstanding individual. I am confident that he will be successful in any vocation he chooses.

If you have any questions, please call me at (724) 694-2780.

Sincerely,

Joseph Feliciani English Department