

My name is Karson Van Baar and I deserve to be awarded the Alice Brown Scholarship. I attended Alice Brown Elementary from Kindergarten through to Grade 7. During my studies at Alice Brown I was involved in the school community and school sports. I played on the Basketball team, Volleyball team and was on the Cross Country team as well as, the Track and Field team. I volunteered my time during lunch and recess handing out sports equipment to the younger grades. During lunch, I would dedicate my time volunteering in the office. I also committed my time to listen to students in the younger grades read during class time. I learned leadership and work ethic while playing on the sports teams and volunteering in the community. My work ethic and leadership skills lead me to achieve the September class act in the year of 2012. Overall my experiences at Alice Brown inspired my work ethic and leadership abilities, which I have continued to display at Brookwood Secondary School.

I have attended Brookwood Secondary School for the past 5 years. During my high school years, I have also participated in clubs, on sports teams and in a leadership role in our school community, all while maintaining Honor Roll status. In 2015, I started a Curling team at Brookwood. As the curling team leader I used my leadership abilities to help teach and show new players how to play the game of curling.

In my Grade 11 year, I joined the Leadership class and Catz Crew. In leadership I learned to work with others to plan, execute and achieve successful outcomes for organized charity fundraisers. Leadership class also hosted an annual Youth Conference, where we showed elementary school children around Brookwood. The youth conference gives future Brookwood students something to look forward to when they arrive at Brookwood, whether it is a club or a sport. Leadership class is all about displaying leadership and work ethics in order to achieve goals that will help others in our community. In Grade 11 at Brookwood, I also joined Catz Crew which is a group of senior students who help the Grade 8's transition into high school. I have learned that in order to gain leadership skills, I have to help others in my community.

If I am awarded the Alice Brown Scholarship, I am going to put the award money towards my post-secondary education. I am planning on studying for 8 years in post-secondary to become a lawyer.

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