

February 20, 2020

Dear Scholarship Committee,

It is my honor to write this recommendation for Brenna Callahan, a senior at Leechburg High School. As Brenna's Honors English teacher during her freshman and junior years, and her Public Speaking teacher during her junior year, I have seen Brenna perform and excel in an academic environment. During the four years that I have known Brenna, I have observed her academic, social, and emotional growth.

Brenna came into the Honors English program on the gifted level as a very enthusiastic and respectful young woman. As Brenna concludes her final year at Leechburg, she still maintains that same enthusiasm and desire to do her best. She has been very loyal and dedicated to her academics, the Honors English program, Public Speaking, and her CIHS courses. Brenna additionally pushes and challenges herself with her extracurricular activities. She is involved on every level here at Leechburg High School: she is an active member of student council, math team, debate team, and has held officer positions in her junior class as well as the Spanish and Interact clubs. She is a highly successful member of the Leechburg volleyball team too. Brenna's desire to help others is evident in the school district and in the Leechburg community. She volunteers at local spaghetti dinners and also spends her time volunteering at Leechburg sports and musical functions. Her passion and enthusiasm for life and learning is evident in how she has spent her past summers. She attended Stanford University for a law and trial program the summer of her freshman year, and more recently attended the University of Pittsburgh for the Governor's School for Global and International Studies.

Academically, Brenna is a stand-out student. She is organized, curious, and engaged in all facets of the classroom. Her willingness to be involved in every communication activity concerning interpersonal skills such as small group skills, one-to-one skills, and one-to-group skills has shown a confidence level far beyond her years. Her leadership and academic ability was constantly on display as Brenna worked within our small group discussions and acted as a facilitator in our large group interactions concerning complex literature selections and communication topics.

In all aspects of her student life, Brenna Callahan has been very successful and has exhibited tremendous leadership and academic excellence. Whether Brenna is in the classroom or on the volleyball court, she exhibits the kind of leadership and personality that makes her the pride of Leechburg High School. Brenna Callahan is an outstanding student, athlete, and person. If I can be of any help in your consideration of Brenna Callahan, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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