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Adult Scholarship Application: Submission #89

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Submission information

Adult Scholarship Application - Enrolled as a full-time student.

Applicant's Contact Information

Austin Noel Anderson
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 P.O. box 341
 Yellow Jacket, Colorado. 81335
 9705293095 (my mom's as I am serving a mission)

[Awarded Scholarship 2024 - Used \\$500 for fall semester and deferred \\$500 spring semester for mission. BYU returned the \\$500 to us. Austin has \\$500 credit.](#)

Your Email Address

Austin.n.anderson@missionary.org

Additional Information

Guardian's Name (If Applicable)

Wendy Anderson

EEA Account Number

57700004

Name on EEA Account

Elliot P. Anderson

Relationship to EEA Account Holder

Father

Planned Major

Biomedical Science

Year of High School Graduation

2024

Have you previously received a EEA Scholarship? If yes what year(s)

2024

Name of Accredited Institution You Will be Attending.

Name and Address of Institution

Brigham Young University-Idaho

101 E. Viking St.

Rexburg, Idaho. 83460

What year are you completing?

Sophomore

Include the Following

Essay

My goal is to pursue a career in the medical field and become a pediatrician. My major that I have chosen is Biomedical Science and I am committed to continuing my education through medical school. I am motivated, hardworking, and driven by a desire to learn and serve others, especially children and families in need of compassionate care. One of my long-term goals is to return to the community where I grew up and give back by providing medical care to help others in need.

I completed my first semester of college in the fall of 2024, where I was able to focus fully on my studies thanks to the Empire Electric scholarship I received in high school. That support allowed me to succeed academically. I finished the semester with a 3.91 GPA and earned a place on the Dean's List. In February of 2025 I began serving an 18-month full-time mission and will return home in July 2026. I plan to continue my studies this fall.

My interest in medicine began in high school and strengthened through various educational opportunities I was given. During my junior year, I began taking classes at Pueblo Community College and completed a CNA certification. In the summer of 2023, I volunteered for 42 hours at my local hospital, where I worked alongside doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals. This confirmed my decision that I wanted to become a pediatrician.

That experience taught me important lessons about life. I saw patients during some of their most difficult moments, and although it was sometimes hard to witness suffering, I was inspired by their strength. I loved seeing the small kind acts of others. Those moments reinforced my passion for healthcare and my desire to serve others.

In the summer of 2024, I continued gaining experience by working as a CNA/RA at Vista Mesa in Cortez, Colorado. The work was demanding at times, but it was incredibly rewarding and strengthened both my skills as a CNA and my desire to continue in the healthcare field.

In addition to my medical experience, I have worked in other roles that have helped me grow. I worked at a local farm in Cortez, Colorado, where I helped organize a volunteer program through the AmeriCorps program. I built this from the ground up and assisted with daily operations. These experiences taught me leadership, responsibility, and the value of hard work. I am currently serving a full-time mission in the Hawaiian Islands, where I have developed strong communication, leadership, and time-management skills. I serve as a Sister Training Leader and am currently training a new missionary. I worked hard throughout high school to save money to serve this mission. This experience has changed my life and helped me to really know what my future goals are.

As I prepare to return to college, I am aware of the financial challenges ahead. I plan to pay for my college education myself, and I understand the significant cost of both undergraduate studies and medical school. Receiving this scholarship would allow me to focus more fully on my education and academic success rather than financial strain. I am seeking opportunities like

this scholarship so I can dedicate my time and energy to achieving my goals and ultimately serving others through medicine.

I am excited about the future and confident in the path I have chosen. Through academic achievement, earning my CNA certification, volunteering in a hospital, working in healthcare, and completing 45 college credits, I have demonstrated my commitment to my education and career. I am determined to make a positive difference in the medical field and in the lives of the patients I will serve, especially in the community that I hope to return to and serve.

Thank you for considering my application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

List school and community honors and activities.

High School

- *National Honors Society
- *Swim team member and coach
- *Volunteer intern at Southwest Memorial Hospital
- *Americorp member at Fozzie's Farm
- *CNA

College and Mission

- *Deans list
- *Music leader at church
- *Missionary Leader
- *Missionary Trainer
- *Missionary in the Hawaiian Islands

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- [Austin Anderson Letter of Recc Sarah.docx](#) (1.6 MB)
- [Bishop Cook letter.docx](#) (15.36 KB)
- [Letter of Recomendation Brigg.docx](#) (1.84 MB)

Transcript

[BYUI Transcript.pdf](#) (10.61 KB)

Submission Date

2026-02-15

Applicant's Signature

Austin Adams

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Brigg Decker

Student and Cousin

BYU-Idaho

dec24011@byui.edu

12 February 2026

To the Scholarship Selection Committee,

I am privileged to be Austin's cousin and a fellow student at Brigham Young University Idaho. Although we are related, I would readily recommend her independent of our relationship, based on my experiences studying alongside her. During her first semester we studied together and I witnessed firsthand her exemplary study habits and work ethic.

In her first semester at BYU-I, Austin prepared for her assignments by carefully scheduling each day and prioritizing her study and homework before leisure activities. Not only did this help her to do well on her assignments and learn from her classes, but it demonstrated her maturity and self-management. As she plans on going into the medical field, her ability to plan ahead will be helpful as she manages the heavy coursework of college and the preparation leading to her eventual career.

As many first semester students do, Austin met challenges in her various classes, but she persevered through challenging assignments with significant effort and knew when to ask for help when needed. She would proactively schedule time to meet with me to help with certain assignments, or use a tutor to keep up with tough classes. In particular, she persevered through a challenging Spanish class by reviewing what she learned with me and regularly participating in a study lab.

In closing, Austin is a disciplined student with lofty aspirations and adequate plans to achieve those goals. I confidently recommend her as a worthy recipient for this scholarship.

Sincerely, Brigg Decker

To the Empire Electric Association Scholarship Committee,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Austin Anderson in support of her application for your scholarship. I serve as Austin's bishop and have had the opportunity to know her personally over several years through church service, community involvement, and observation of her character, work ethic, and leadership.

Austin is an exceptional young woman whose actions consistently reflect maturity, compassion, and determination well beyond her years. She is a motivated and capable student who challenged herself academically by enrolling in college coursework while still in high school—an early and intentional step toward her long-term goal of becoming a physician, specifically a pediatrician. Her academic drive is fueled by a genuine love of learning and a clear sense of purpose.

What sets Austin apart is her deep commitment to service and her willingness to take on demanding responsibilities in order to grow. She successfully completed her CNA coursework and volunteered more than 40 hours at her local hospital, where she worked alongside healthcare professionals and cared for patients during some of their most vulnerable moments. These experiences did not discourage her; instead, they confirmed her calling to serve others through medicine. She gained not only clinical exposure, but also a strong sense of empathy, resilience, and respect for human dignity.

Austin has continued to pursue this path through her employment as a CNA/RA at Vista Mesa in Cortez, Colorado, where she dedicated evenings and weekends to caring for residents while maintaining her academic responsibilities. She approaches this work with compassion and professionalism, treating those in her care as family rather than simply patients.

In addition to her healthcare experience, Austin has demonstrated leadership, perseverance, and adaptability through her AmeriCorps service with the Montezuma Inspire Coalition at Fozzie's Farm. She helped develop a volunteer program from the ground up, navigating real-world challenges with determination and thoughtfulness. Rather than becoming discouraged when plans did not go as expected, she problem-solved, researched outreach strategies, and remained committed to the mission—skills that will serve her well in any professional setting. Currently, Austin is serving as a full-time missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Hawaii on the island of Oahu. In this role, she dedicates her time fully to service, teaching, leadership, and community outreach. This experience further reflects her strong sense of responsibility, discipline, and desire to serve others selflessly.

Austin has been accepted to BYU–Idaho, where she plans to study Biomedical Science before continuing on to medical school. She is thoughtful, hardworking, service-oriented, and dependable—exactly the type of student who will use educational opportunities wisely and give back meaningfully to her community.

I recommend Austin Anderson without reservation for the Empire Electric Association scholarship. She exemplifies the values of service, responsibility, perseverance, and integrity, and I am confident she will make the most of this opportunity.

Please feel free to contact me if additional information would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Terry R. Cook, DPM
Bishop, Pleasant View Ward
Cortez, Colorado
(970) 560-1777

Sarah Brock
1102 Cochita Drive
Cortez, CO 81321

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Austin Anderson as a recipient for your scholarship. I have had the privilege of knowing Austin for the past three years, during which I have been blessed to witness her excel as a swim coach for the Cortez Water Dragons swim team and as the music leader in our local church's children's choir. In that time, she has consistently impressed me with her maturity, reliability, and genuine care for others. She is quick to volunteer and connect with people on a personal level, and I know she will do amazing things in the medical field as she pursues her career.

Austin is one of the most trustworthy and dependable young people I know. She is always punctual and professional and works hard. Beyond her reliability, she demonstrates creativity and kindness—planning engaging activities, handling challenges with calm confidence, and forming meaningful connections with the kids she has stewardship over. Her ability to balance fun with responsibility speaks to her strong character and emotional intelligence.

I have no doubt that Austin will bring the same compassion, diligence, and work ethic to her studies that she shows in every aspect of her work. She is exactly the kind of person I would want in a profession centered on care and service to others.

Please feel free to contact me at 701-770-4068 or Sarah.somethingcuteco@gmail.com if you would like any additional information. I wholeheartedly recommend Austin Anderson for your scholarship.

Sincerely,

Sarah D. Brock