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Submission information

Continuing Education Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name

Madilynn Raymi Ritter

Applicant's Address

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85 S. Union Blvd. Lakewood, CO 80228 Unit #330
Cortez, Colorado. 81321

Your Email Address

rittermadilynn@gmail.com

Telephone Number

9706764002

Your Cell Phone Number

9706764002

Empire Electric Account Number

11490

Name on Empire Electric Account

Justin Ritter

Relationship to Empire Electric Account Member

Father

Year You Recieved an Empire Electric Scholarship

2023

Year You Graduated High School

2023

Name of Accredited Institution You Will be Attending.

Colorado Christian University
8787 W Alameda Ave
Lakewood, Colorado. 80226
United States

Field of Study

Psychology and Criminal Justice in Law/Practice

Other Children in Your Family

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Other Financial Aid

Graber Family Scholarship \$2,000 one time award
Beckman Scholarship \$1,600 per year

Trustee's Scholarship \$18,000 per year
Impact Scholarship \$1,000 per year
Preferred Admit Scholarship \$2,000 per year

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List Your School and Community Honors and Activities

Speech and Debate - Captain
Moot Court
Refined Ministries Volunteer
TNS & Associates - Receptionist/Administrative Assistant
Colorado Christian University President's List

Essay

Another year of school has taught me one thing among many: there are an infinite number of choices I can make concerning what I do after undergraduate school. Right now, I am on track to take the LSAT and go to law school. Since becoming a Criminal Justice major, I have fallen in love with criminal law, and my eyes have been opened to the unique opportunities to impact others' lives. On the other hand, I also find great interest in being in the field with those who need it most. The thought of going to the police academy and eventually becoming a detective specializing in crimes against women and children excites me. I would be able to take my psychological training into the field and change lives in one of the most direct ways possible. I can pour my heart and soul into my career. While these appear to be my most likely options for the moment, I would also love to dip my toes into wedding planning, cosmetology, entrepreneurship, non-profit work, and so much more. Above all else, I believe that it is not the career that I will do but how I do it. My life has been profoundly impacted by those at Colorado Christian University who understood their role was to love and support me. Their patience, kindness, and commitment to relationships have taught me who I want to be in my career, regardless of what I do. Fortunately, in each of these career paths, there will always be challenges and room for personal growth.

Furthermore, my family situation is a complicated one, one that I am generally unwilling to divulge in my scholarship essays. I have three parents: my mom, dad, and step-mom. While I love them all dearly, they have each been hurt in their own ways. I have been privy to years of generational trauma and have witnessed the damage it's done to both my parents and myself. My parents have worked extremely hard for my three brothers and me, for which I am incredibly grateful. Unfortunately, I am in a position where I am still working through a lot of my family hurt through counseling. I have been blessed by a counselor who has worked with

my family and financial situation, but it still places a significant burden on my day-to-day. I am grateful that the community at CCU has stepped up to support me as I work through a lot of the hurt that has persisted through generations. Everyone around me knows that the cycle stops with me.

Currently, I am paying for a little more than half of my school out of pocket. I have been blessed by scholarship in the past, but any money that I do not have to pay back makes it easier to breathe. Because I am planning to go to law school, I am looking at at least three more years of educational costs. As I begin the application process and attend in the next one to two years, I am again faced with the harsh reality of the cost of education. I believe that every cent is worth it, and any help I can get along the way makes it that much easier for me to worry less about my financial burden and focus more on the content that will enable me to serve those around me.

I am applying for this scholarship because I believe that continuing my education is what's best for me and for my community. Since going to college, I have changed from the inside out. The experience has not only been academically educational but also personally. While I enjoy going to Moot Court and arguing constitutional issues or going to class and learning what makes people tick, it is all elevated by the personal formation encouraged by my professors, coaches, and friends. This experience is better preparing me for the workforce and for relationships with those around me. I am also applying for this scholarship because, let's face it, college is expensive. I would not have been able to get this far without relying on the community I grew up in and that I'm currently in. The support I've experienced from both has placed me on a launch board about to be sent into the world with a hope to make it a better place. I can only impact those around me because I was first impacted.

I am grateful for Empire Electric Association, both for making sure my house's lights are on and also because they have supported me as a person. As a young teenager, I was shown kindness from those who simply wanted to make a difference in their community. I want to go into the world continuing that legacy of kindness and support.

Submission Date

2026-05-31

Applicant's Signature



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COURSE	Course Title	CRD	GRD	GRDPT
Transfer Credit:				
Pueblo Community Col	4634	30.00		
Fort Lewis College	4310	12.00		
Term	GPA 0.000	Credit 42.00		
Cum	GPA 0.000	Credit 42.00		
FALL 2023 (08/28/2023 to 12/21/2023)				
BIO120	BIOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES	3.00	B+	9.90
BIO121	BIOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES LAB	1.00	A	4.00
INT101	FIRST-YEAR INTEGRATION	3.00	A	12.00
HIS310	GREAT IDEAS WESTERN WORLD	4.00	A	16.00
CHM121	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I	0.00	W	.....
CHM131	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I LAB	0.00	W	.....
CHM141	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I RECITATION	0.00	W	.....
FOR202	DEBATE TEAM	1.00	P	.....
Term	GPA 3.809	Credit 12.00		
Cum	GPA 3.809	Credit 54.00		
WINTER 2024 (01/08/2024 to 01/12/2024)				
HUM221	EXP. CREATIVE ARTS & CULTURE	3.00	A	12.00
Term	GPA 4.000	Credit 3.00		
Cum	GPA 3.850	Credit 57.00		
SPRING 2024 (01/16/2024 to 05/09/2024)				
BIO130	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	3.00	B	9.00
BIO131	BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY LAB	1.00	A-	3.70
COM455	RHETORIC AND POWER	4.00	A	16.00
HIS111	OLD TESTAMENT	3.00	A-	11.10
FOR202	DEBATE TEAM	1.00	P	.....
PSY404	FAMILY DYNAMICS	3.00	A-	11.10
Term	GPA 3.636	Credit 15.00		
Cum	GPA 3.743	Credit 72.00		

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COURSE	Course Title	CRD	GRD	GRDPT
FALL 2024 (08/26/2024 to 12/19/2024)				
FOR202	DEBATE TEAM	1.00	P
HUM114	NEW TESTAMENT	3.00	A	12.00
PSY231	TRANSFORMATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.00	A	12.00
PSY323	FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	3.00	A	12.00
MUA126	VOICE	1.00	A	4.00
POL460	POLITICS: LIBERTY AND JUSTICE	4.00	A	16.00
CRJ225A	INTRODUCTION TO POLICING	3.00	A	12.00
11/11/2024 to 12/22/2024				
Term	GPA 4.000	Credit 18.00		
Cum	GPA 3.840	Credit 90.00		
WINTER 2025 (01/06/2025 to 01/10/2025)				
ECO215	ECONOMICS	3.00	A-	11.10
01/02/2025 to 01/10/2025				
Term	GPA 3.700	Credit 3.00		
Cum	GPA 3.831	Credit 93.00		
SPRING 2025 (01/13/2025 to 05/08/2025)				
CRJ430A	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	3.00	A	12.00
01/13/2025 to 02/16/2025				
HIS297	ST: DOSTOEVSKY	1.00	A	4.00
01/13/2025 to 03/20/2025				
CRJ101	INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3.00	A-	11.10
ENG460	LITERATURE: HUMAN IMAGINATION	4.00	A	16.00
PSY201	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.00	A-	11.10
PSY370	CRISIS & TRAUMA	3.00	A-	11.10
MUA126	VOICE	1.00	A	4.00
Term	GPA 3.850	Credit 18.00		
Cum	GPA 3.836	Credit 111.00		

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FALL 2025 (08/25/2025 to 12/17/2025)

CRJ201	CONTEMP ISSUES CRIM JUSTICE	3.00	A	12.00
CRJ301	CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE	3.00	A-	11.10
PSY302	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3.00	A	12.00
LAW217	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	3.00	A-	11.10
FOR202	DEBATE TEAM	1.00	P	.....
LAW311	MOOT COURT TEAM	1.00	P	.....
	Term GPA 3.850	Credit		14.00
	Cum GPA 3.838	Credit		125.00

Degree.....: Bachelor of Arts
Majors.....: Psychology
 Criminal Justice Law/Practice
Minors.....: Augustine Honors
Specialization: Biblical Studies
Status.....: In Progress

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SPRING 2026 (01/12/2026 to 05/06/2026)

CRJ310A	CRIMINOLOGY	3.00	A	12.00
	01/12/2026 to 02/15/2026			
CRJ320A	INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS	3.00	B	9.00
	02/16/2026 to 03/22/2026			
PHL202	INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY	3.00	A	12.00
PSY480	SENIOR SEMINAR	3.00	A	12.00
THE201	INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY	3.00	B+	9.90
PSY406	NEUROSCIENCE	3.00	B-	8.10
FOR202F	SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM	0.00	P	.....
	Term GPA 3.500	Credit		18.00
	Cum GPA 3.775	Credit		143.00

FALL 2026 (08/24/2026 to 12/16/2026)

FOR202	DEBATE TEAM		CIP	.....
LAW310	APPELLATE ADVOCACY & MOOT CRT		CIP	.....
MUA126	VOICE		CIP	.....
PSY301	THEORIES OF PERSONALITY		CIP	.....
PSY408	RESEARCH METHODOLOGY		CIP	.....
PHL315	WORLD RELIGIONS		CIP
	Term GPA 0.000	Credit		0.00
	Cum GPA 3.775	Credit		143.00

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To whom it may concern,

I am very pleased to recommend Madilynn Ritter for the Empire Electric Association's Continuing Education Scholarship. As the coach of the speech and debate team at Colorado Christian University, I have had the privilege of knowing Madilynn for the past three years. During that time, she has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, academic excellence, strong character, and a sincere commitment to serving others. I can confidently say that she is highly deserving of your support and investment through this scholarship opportunity.

Madilynn is an outstanding leader who has made a lasting impact on our debate program. Having served on the team for three years and as debate captain for one of those years, she continually went above and beyond to support both the team and her peers. She organized practices, mentored younger students, managed tournament logistics, and fostered an environment of accountability and encouragement. In my years of coaching, there are very few students I would trust to independently lead the team's agenda and operations, and Madilynn is certainly one of them. Her maturity, responsibility, and initiative distinguish her among her peers.

Academically, Madilynn has pursued a rigorous and well-rounded course of study. She is completing a double major in psychology and criminal justice while also earning an Augustine Honors minor. Her willingness to challenge herself academically reflects both her intellectual curiosity and her dedication to personal growth. Beyond the classroom, she participates in both speech and debate and moot court, further demonstrating her discipline, analytical thinking, and commitment to excellence. Madilynn approaches every responsibility with determination and integrity, qualities that will continue to serve her well throughout her educational and professional journey.

Equally important is Madilynn's character and heart for service. She consistently invests her time in helping and uplifting others. As debate captain, she regularly led devotionals and encouraged her teammates to pursue integrity and compassion alongside competitive success. She volunteers with Refined Ministries, supporting women recovering from trafficking, and also serves faithfully in the children's ministry at Trinity Anglican Church. These commitments reflect her genuine compassion, humility, and desire to positively impact her community.

In both academic and professional settings, Madilynn has proven herself to be dependable, hardworking, and deeply motivated to make the most of every opportunity she is given. I have also had the opportunity to work with her professionally at TNS & Associates, where she serves as a receptionist and administrative assistant. In every context, she demonstrates responsibility, professionalism, and a strong work ethic.

In my years as both a lawyer and debate coach, there have been few students I have recommended as enthusiastically as Madilynn Ritter. She possesses the leadership, intellect,

perseverance, and moral character that scholarship committees seek to support in promising students. I am confident that any investment made in her education will yield tremendous returns, both in her future accomplishments and in the positive impact she will continue to make in the lives of others.

I give Madilynn Ritter my highest recommendation for the Empire Electric Association's Continuing Education Scholarship. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Respectfully,

Stephen Scheffel

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