

Butch Reimer Essay

I am a determined and hard working student, athlete and worker. I believe I can do anything I put my mind to. In December of '08, in my '08-09 swim season, I decided I wanted to attend '09 Y Swim Nationals in Florida. At this time I did not have a National swim cut to attend Nationals, so I knew I had to work very hard over the next several months to push myself to improve so I could attend '09 Nationals. At USA state, I dropped seven seconds exceeding the national cut by two seconds. This was my only cut at this time, and had "Y" state in two weeks to achieve additional cuts. At "Y" state I was able to achieve three additional cuts going into "Y" Nationals reaching the maximum individual events possible to swim. Through this achievement, I knew once goals are set, and with commitment, they can be accomplished.

Despite the difficulty of practices I love the benefit of them. During my High School swim career, I was a ~~team captain, earned All Conference, achieved the conference record, received MVP,~~ and broke the high school pool record; these achievements were due to my leadership, motivation and dedication to the sport.

As I continue on to become a college swim team member, I believe through the values I acquired through Pulaski high school athletics, I will continue to offer strong sportsmanship, encouragement, enthusiasm, commitment, and knowing what hard work can accomplish. I value the synergy of being part of a team and knowing all the hard work that each team member puts into the sport to accomplish individual and team goals. I have an immense competitive drive and it is through my involvement with swimming that has allowed me to welcome healthy competition. It is my goal to not only be a role model to future Pulaski athletes, but also to let others know at the college level the quality of athletes that come from Pulaski.

My goals are to continue to improve in swimming while obtaining a valuable education to become competitive and marketable in the workforce. I know that swimming will continue to provide balance to my day, an outlet for stress, and endless opportunities to experience on a collegiate level.

I am applying for this scholarship because not only do I feel I possess "Butch Reimer" type qualities, but have a financial need as well. This past summer my dad was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and has since retired on disability in late Fall. This diagnosis and unexpected retirement has left my family with unanticipated financial shortfalls. My partial scholarship from the University of Northern Iowa is only sufficient to reduce my tuition to an average Wisconsin in-state tuition.

My dad wanted to ensure that my college decision was not impacted by his diagnosis. He wanted me to attend a college where I would be happy and am able to fulfill both my academic and athletic goals.