

## 2024 Scholarship Winners



### **Ava Peterson Superior High School**

"The most important lesson that basketball has taught me, that I now carry with me in every aspect of life, is that hard work pays off. I was never naturally athletic growing up, so I have had to put in countless hours in the gym and weight room to succeed. I fell in love with the process of getting better. Setting goals and being in a relentless pursuit until I achieved them, is one of my favorite parts of the game. In every aspect of life, basketball has taught me to give 100% effort in everything you do all the time. Going the extra mile makes a difference. It has also taught me how to lose and learn from that loss so you can become a better player and person."



### **Eliana Sheplee Rice Lake High School**

My name is Eliana Sheplee, I am a senior at Rice Lake High School. I am a three-sport athlete, participating in volleyball, basketball, and track. I have played many years of basketball, and based on my experiences I can confidently express that many essential life lessons can be learned from this game. My many memories of playing this sport have allowed me to reflect on what it has taught me about life. First, basketball has taught me resilience and how to persevere through difficult times. A second important aspect to be learned from basketball is the importance of enjoying the journey and learning from mistakes. Throughout my life, I will face setbacks and struggles, and these lessons that I have learned will help me as I navigate through difficulty. Basketball is an activity that has shown me how to work through my struggles and learn along the way.



### **Domanyck Schwarzenberger Bloomer High School**

Basketball has influenced my life in more ways than I could ever really put down on paper. It's taught me how to be a servant for my teammates and how I can put them before myself, putting your ego aside for something bigger and more rewarding goes alongside of being a follower of Christ. It revealed and taught me how committed you really must be to something in your life to be successful and to be recognized as a leader in the field and be one of the best. You must work hard in a lot more aspects than people realize, basketball, there are so many things that you can constantly improve and work on. Whether it's lifting weights, communicating with teammates, working on finishing, mid-range game, or outside shooting. There are so many aspects to the game that you need to work on and I believe that's not only true for basketball, but for also life.



### **Sage Williams Drummond High School**

Sage is a multi-sport athlete at Drummond HS. He is class vice president and student body vice president as well as an A honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society. He is a member of the Boy Scouts of America and a recent Eagle Scout recipient. He has applied to different universities and would like to study and get a degree in sports management and statistics. Sage has been lucky to have essentially the same coach from elementary school through high school. Through basketball, he has learned discipline, focus, and the meaning of being a team player. Sage has been able to learn and grow into the player he is today and become an integral part of his team, not just a supporting player. Sage understands sharing the wealth and not letting ego fuel his motives.