

To whom it may concern,

I'm Ella Breen, a coming sophomore from Laurel, Montana. As a biology and pre-vet major, I've been involved and surrounded by animals as long as I remember and developed a passion for helping people and animals alike at a young age. Pursuing my goal of becoming a veterinarian has allowed me to give back to the community that has so graciously supported me not only in my career endeavors, but also in becoming a strong, independent leader in the world around me.

In elementary school I volunteered at BARK, an animal shelter in Billings, where I took care of shelter dogs and cats. I also participated in Girl Scouts from kindergarten through 2nd grade, helping my community while involved in service projects. I currently work with my church, the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, participating in sandwich ministry, donating to the food bank, and bringing food and clothing to the homeless shelter. I also worked at Caring Hands Veterinary Hospital throughout high school, as both a kennel attendant and veterinary technician, furthering my veterinary experience. I've shadowed several veterinarians who specialize in both large and small animals to prepare myself for a career in veterinary medicine. In addition, I've grown up with and around animals, helping deliver puppies, calves, goats and piglets, participating in cattle drives, and caring for my own dogs, cats, and chickens at home.

I was involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters my junior year of high school as a "Big" to my "Little", a kindergartener at South School in Laurel, MT. I was involved in the National Honor Society for the past three years. Within NHS I actively participated in community service projects such as food and clothing drives, park and community clean-ups, Salvation Army work, and fundraisers for our schools, community and the American Heart Association. I was involved in LINK Crew my junior of high school, where I mentored incoming freshmen,

helping them adjust. I was a member of Student Council during both junior high and high school, where I helped organize school fundraisers, dances, clubs, and activities. During my senior year I was the vice president of my Senior Class, graduating with honors. I was also Student Council President my 8th grade year of middle school at Canyon Creek. I played four years of varsity high school soccer. Within that experience I coached the Little Loco Soccer Camp teaching younger players to improve their all-around skills, both on and off the field. I was also a teacher's aide for a K-2 librarian last year organizing the classroom and helping with small projects.

I've been involved in both Outdoors and Spanish clubs throughout high school and was a member of Pep Band for 3 years. I was also awarded the Academics, Athletics, Attitude Award as a freshman, Rookie of the Year as a sophomore and Most Inspirational Player as a senior. I've received academic all-state honors all 4 years of high school and was recognized as an all-conference player senior season. I was a manager for the high school basketball team my freshman year and have enjoyed attending a weekly, faith-based youth group at my local church over the past 4 years. In addition, I have participated in Big Sky State Games for 9 years between soccer and cross country.

My community, school, and athletic involvement has sincerely helped me become a well-rounded, open-minded individual. I continue to learn from these experiences that have aided me in becoming a kind, confident, and encouraging leader as well as inspire me to seek out further opportunities and support the next generation of incredible, capable people.

Thank you for considering my application to the ASUMW student senate.

Sincerely,

Ella Breen