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Baker Family Scholarship

Mount Royal United Church

As long as I can remember, every Sunday meant going to Mount Royal. First it was by taking part in BLAST with my brother. Later, it was helping with the younger children. Mount Royal is always a joy and, excuse the pun, but, a blast.

Prior to working, my main commitment outside of school was Codiac's soccer team. I have been playing since the age I could run. This evolved to representing New Brunswick at the Canadian National tournament three times within the past five years. Additionally, I played for my high school team every year.

Theatre was another major extra-curricular for me. For the past two years I attended the New Brunswick Drama Festival with my school. Creating short four minute scenes, we stitched together our favourites to create an hour long show. This is different from scripted shows, like last year's musical Mamma Mia; however, I enjoyed both of them immensely. Since the age of seven, I have been playing piano. This led to playing in church every few weeks, and recently recording some songs for our virtual services. It opens a different door to music that releases stress and worries.

Within my school, I am involved with several different volunteer groups. This year I helped with the Princess and the Purse fundraiser. As well, in the first three years of high school, I was a member of Clan Leaders, partaking in fundraisers like Fill the Bus and Free the Children. These groups are often student led and offer a way of giving back. Though I cannot say I always like school, doing my best is still a top priority; helping with these different groups is another way I am able to give back.

Thank you for this opportunity to apply for the Baker's Scholarship. I am planning to attend UPEI in the fall, if present circumstances permit. From children's time, to the pancake breakfast, to the Christmas stories being a sheep, and all the music, I have always enjoyed being a part of this faith community.