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Ms. Jean Buckley  
President and CEO  
FBLA – PBL  
1912 Association Drive  
Reston, VA 20191-1591

Dear Ms. Buckley,

Subject: Future Business Leader

I am applying for the award of Future Business Leader. I am honored to receive the opportunity to compete for this award, and I hope to show you I have the qualifications to earn this award.

I joined FBLA as a freshman in high school, but I was well aware of its activities in my community long before I joined. Upon becoming a member, I have taken part in these activities, which include activities with the elementary, working my school's concession stand, secret Santa activities, selling Valentine's Day suckers to our elementary students, and collecting Box Tops for our FBLA fund.

Throughout these activities, I have learned not only about how FBLA works, but I also have learned skills that will help me achieve my goals in business. Living in rural South Dakota, I live a farming life. In the modern age, business plays a large role in farming. A farmer not only needs to grow his crops, but market his grain and operate his farming business. The skills I have learned will, without a doubt, help me in my future.

I have won various categories at the state level, and was honored to receive 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the national conference in Business Math my sophomore year. FBLA competitions have given me a channel for my competitive nature, as well as another opportunity to learn.

I look forward from you if you give me the opportunity to interview for the Future Business Leader Award. I can be reach on phone at 605-290-6051, as well as through email at db3365@k12.sd.us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Derek Boekelheide

Enclosure

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**Education:**

Senior at Northwestern High School  
GPA: 3.85                      ACT: 33

Business Classes Taken:

- Introduction to Business
- Employability and Careers
- Career Fundamentals
- Personal Finance
- Business Management
- Business Law
- Business and Work Place Experience

**FBLA Participation and Awards**

State Conference 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Grades  
National Conference 9<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> Grades  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Received 5<sup>th</sup> Place at National Conference in Business Math  
Numerous State Awards, including multiple first place prizes in:

- Business Math
- Business Communication
- Business Plan
- Spreadsheet Applications

**Academic Honors:**

Boys State Delegate and County Office Holder  
School Science Fair winner and NSU Science Fair 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Chemistry  
Lake Region Math Contest place winner  
NSU Math Contest honorable mention and place winner  
Cross Country Academic All State

**Activities:**

Future Business Leaders of America – Listed above

Robotics Team – four-time captain and head engineer, member of marketing presentation team, helped lead team to national competition three times

Youth Group

Band Member – 4-time first chair; 2-time jazz band member

Chorus Member

FCA

Student Council – senior class president at Northwestern Area High School

**Athletic Honors and Achievements:**

Track and Field – conference champion in 400m, 800m, 1600m, and 3200m; state champion in 800m; school record holder in 800m, 1600m, and 3200m; Aberdeen News Athlete of the Week; various team awards including hardest worker and highest point scorer

Cross Country – 4-time conference champion; 3-time top 10 state finisher; team captain; team MVP; Aberdeen News Athlete of the Week

Basketball – team captain

**Work Experience:**

Farm Hand on Boekelheide Farms:

- Haul corn with trucks
- Drive combine and grain cart during harvest
- Mow farmyard and ditches
- Pick rock from fields
- Various maintenance around farm
- Other odds and ends tasks around farm

Screen Printer for NW Ink Print Shop

- Burn designs into screens
- Align screens to fit correctly on shirts
- Screen various designs on shirts
- Dry shirts at correct temperature to cure ink

Reference available upon request.