



San Diego

STAFDA's 46th Annual Convention & Trade Show

October 30 — November 1, 2022 ♦ San Diego Convention Center

Student Award Application

Submission Deadline: Friday, October 14, 2022

Send form to: P.O. Box 44, Elm Grove, WI 53122-0044 ♦ **Email:** info@stafda.org

Applicant's Name: Courtney Rowedder **Year in School:** ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore
University: University of Nebraska at Kearney ☒ Junior ☐ Senior
Mailing Address: [REDACTED]
City: [REDACTED] **State:** Nebraska **Zip:** [REDACTED]
Cell Phone: [REDACTED] **Email:** [REDACTED]
College Major/Minor: Industrial Distribution
Hometown: Kearney Nebraska
Any specific state/region you'd like to work in after graduation?: N/A
My ideal job would be: Currently interested in an outside sales position

Education to Date: Please list any academic achievements or accomplishments.

Graduated from Kearney High School - 2020

Pursuing Bachelor's of Science degree in Industrial Distribution

Classes/Coursework You Find Most Enjoyable: I really enjoy my intro to ID courses because they go over many different career areas and products. They give a good overview of what each of these positions would entail. Being able to talk to companies/ reps and tour their companies gives so much insight on what I personally like or dislike. I also really enjoy hands on classes where we are physically dealing with potential products.

Work Activity: Please list any previous internships, summer employment, or other experience related to your major.
I have worked in a Locksmith shop as a secretary and helped assisting customers. This gave me the opportunity to get a look at supply and demand of specific products like keypad locks and vehicle key fobs. Having this job assisted me in being able to communicate with customers and problem solve. It was a good way for me to network and connect with many businesses and business leaders in my community.

Community Activities: Please list current and past community-related activities. For each activity, please describe the nature of your involvement and any leadership positions held.

The start of my business journey started in High School as an FBLA officer. I am currently part of the NEXT program at UNK. Through the year I will be attending many meetings with the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce and touring local business to get to know the basics of their company and their role within their organization.

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Essay: As part of your application, you are asked to prepare a short essay, not to exceed 300 words. **Please answer the following question and attach a separate document for your response.**

- **What are your professional aspirations and goals for the next five years?**

Important: I verify all information provided in this application is truthful and accurate. I understand if any of the afore-said information is not accurate or truthful it will void my eligibility to participate in STAFDA's San Diego Convention & Trade Show.

Signature: Courtney Rowedder

Print Name: Courtney Rowedder

Date: 09/29/2022

STAFDA will cover:

- 1). Hotel room with an arrival on **Friday, October 28**, through check-out on **Tuesday, November 1** (these will be double rooms; two students per room). Housing will be at the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina.
- 2). Complimentary registration to our events
- 3). If flying, STAFDA will pay half the airfare (economy class)

**Please return to STAFDA by
Friday, October 14, 2022.
Thank you!**

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STAFDA Application Essay

In the upcoming years I have many aspirations and goals for my life. The next five years will have a huge impact on my professional career. This upcoming summer I am looking for an internship with a company to see the inside workings, find my strengths, and find my preference of products. I would prefer to do my internship in a state other than Nebraska to see how things work in other states and build connections with more business leaders around the country. The following year I will be receiving my Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Distribution. While I am still unsure on what company I would like to start working with this year will provide many different opportunities for me to meet company representatives and talk about their products and day to day tasks/schedule. Outside sales is something that I have an interest in and being able to talk to people that are in sales is one of the best ways to really learn what that position requires. I think that everyone has a goal to be successful and be able to provide for themselves. While that is part of my goal as well, I really am striving to find a position where I am happy and enjoy my job.