



eighteen under 18 Emily Carlson Grand Valley High School- Age 18

Emily is a driven and talented musician and problem-solver who is determined to succeed on the strength of her many talents. Her growth mindset and resolve has been exhibited these past four years, as she traveled to Cleveland twice a week to train at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony. To be eligible to audition, she had to commit to hours of daily practice and study privately with a vocal teacher from the Cleveland Institute of Music. These experiences shaped her work ethic, challenged her, and allowed her to explore varied and difficult pieces of music. Her career goal is to attend a conservatory of music and major in voice, as well as get a degree in music education.

Emily is also incredibly involved in many aspects of her school and community, and has learned to manage her time very well. She is a member of the school choir, marching and concert bands, drama club, Youth Philanthropy Board, Ashtabula County Youth Leadership, and National Honor Society. She has also participated in the Youngstown State University English Festival, and countless orchestra and choir organizations in Cleveland. She has performed at venues including Severance Hall, Cleveland State University, and the OMEAs State Professional Development conferences in Cleveland and Columbus.

This summer, Emily is headed to England and Scotland to continue her studies in music. Emily says "I have been influenced by some fabulous teachers and I would like to be able to continue to perform as well as teach others to find their passion in self-expression through music."

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