

The Importance of Life

At a young age, I possessed the passion to serve and inspire others by giving my time, talents, and resources. I have always strived to be a light in the lives of others especially those in need. I have done this through my work as a youth usher in church, a participant in the culinary ministry, an after school tutor for underprivileged children, and as a community youth leader initiating efforts to improve my city.

I have spent my time through my continual participation at church, I became a youth usher at age seven and part of the culinary ministry at age eight. Helping others has always been a focus of mine. I was raised by the golden rule to treat others the way you want to be treated. I have always felt as though I would want someone to help me therefore I should help others. I have discovered that when I help others, an unexplainable warmth comes to my heart driving me to want to do more for people. Through these experiences I have been brought out of my comfort zone and developed the courage to follow my heart in helping others regardless of age, gender or race.

I have used my talents and resources as an after school tutor for underprivileged children and as a community youth leader helping to improve different areas of the community. I have participated in multiple service projects including painting my high school gym, playing in band concerts on the alto saxophone, cleaning up parks, playing games with kids during after school programs, to helping special needs kids at Alley Cats. To see the people's faces when they know others are here for them makes me feel grateful no matter what I'm going through at the moment. The sincere appreciation and gratitude they show makes all of our resources, time, and talents worth using for the good. Letting them see they are not forgotten, ignored, or overlooked, to me helps them in their walk through this life. The little children never want you to leave, and it's almost heartbreaking when you do. I hope that our precious time spent with them will inspire them to give back to their community when they get older.

My goal is to receive a Bachelors degree in environmental Remediation and Restoration, and ultimately become an Environmental inspector or an environmentalist. This indeed will allow me to serve on a larger scale by providing customers with safety guidelines, environmental information, and set parameters for work which will keep our environment safe. The Nineteenth Century American Philosopher William James said, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it," and I believe that is my purpose in life. Receiving your scholarship would help me obtain my dream and be of greater service to society and help my family because my parents will have two children attending college at the same time, creating a financial burden. I will use the funds towards my tuition and housing. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.