

Dear Donor,

My name is Kyia Grays and I am a freshman at the illustrious Claflin University, majoring in political science. My career aspirations are to become a family attorney. For my first semester of college I attended CCD due to the lack of funds I had. My plan was to attend CCD for my first semester to save some money and hopefully gain more in order to attend my dream college for the next semester.

I have been a part of Denver Kids since middle school. Throughout my years in Denver Kids and my experience with different counselors I have learned many life skills that others possibly haven't learned.

Throughout high school I was involved in multiple extracurricular activities. From my freshman year to my senior year I was involved in basketball and volleyball. I was captain of the basketball team my sophomore and junior year. I was an intern with Inspire Colorado for my junior year. I was also an employee at Chick-Fil-A from my sophomore year till last June. I currently work at DSST Montview as a support teacher. I am also a foster sibling to 8 kids.

My educational and life goals coexist with one another in some areas because I believe my life goals are what has driven me to choose my career aspiration. My other life goals are to become a foster parent, just like my mother, so that I can at least make a little difference in the world, and to advocate for people who have experienced the tragic feeling of losing a family member to a drunk driver. I had lost my uncle during my sophomore year to drinking and driving, and I refuse to let that act ruin other families. Another goal that I have for myself is to volunteer more in my community. I believe giving back to the community is very important for the future of our world. Not only can you "give back" the environment, but other ways are giving back to organizations and people. Donating time to support surrounding communities gives opportunities to meet new people who might have the same aspirations as you. As a student, when participating in

community service projects it provides an opportunity to become more of an active member in society. It helps gain life skills that I can later use in life, for example, leadership, problem solving, collaboration with others, time management, communication, ext. Though community service you can become a well rounded person in life. Community service involvement is important to the future of our world. Cleaning our environment is the first step to establishing a cleaner world. Thinking about the younger generation, service brings us together and we can focus on the common humanity. Volunteering has no limit and you can dedicate your time whenever. When community service comes to mind, many think of it as a boring task that everyone is obligated to do sometime in life. That becomes such a common thought because many don't engage in volunteering for a cause that they are passionate about. The goal is to enjoy looking forward to making the world a better place in many ways.

This scholarship will bring me a step closer to being able to attend my dream college. Growing up in a low income, single family household, I've been taught to pave my own way to success. This scholarship will help me get closer to success and help me achieve my goals. I'll continue to be determined and will remain diligent till I reach my profession goal. I am hopeful to emerge as one of your foundation's scholarship recipients, so that I can proceed on my pathway to eventually be an attorney. I believe schooling is essential success, and I attempt to connect my ardour for education with my wish of supporting others. I am grateful to discover possibilities like the one that your fund is offering to students like me who are constantly in conflict with not having enough money to afford college.

Like others, I have faced many challenges in life. I experienced loss when my father walked out on me and my sister. His decision to cheat on my mother created yet another single family home stereotype. I experienced fear, during my sophomore year, when I was nearly diagnosed with cancer. I experienced pain when I lost three of my closest family members within a 3 week time frame. The biggest challenge I have faced in my life was losing my Uncle to a drunk driver. I had lost him nearly 2 years ago and I am still

struggling to overcome it. I never realized the severity of distracted driving until I had lost one of my closest family members. He was my only father figure, and he was taken away from me within a matter of seconds due to a man's choice to drive while under the influence. Since that tragic loss, me and my family have been advocates against distracted driving. I have now been a member of the Walk Like Madd organization for 2 years trying to bring awareness to this social issue. These challenges have helped me find my goals and desires. Thank you for believing in my education!

Best Regards,
Kyia Grays