

The person I want to be in the near future is a Dental Hygienist. I plan to make a difference in people's smiles. The first thing you notice about someone is their smile-many people are very insecure about the looks of their teeth. Helping or changing the way they view themselves is a personal goal of mine. I also want to take away the fear and anxiety many people experience and encourage them to take care of their teeth. I want to build a healthy and friendly community that sparks children and adults' interest in having proper oral hygiene. I plan to do that by going to schools and teaching children, young adults, and maybe even teachers, the importance of oral care. I believe in teaching when they are young, so they can practice oral hygiene as they get older. Going around to different schools and teaching them is a perfect way to start.

I currently am a student athlete. I have been on many sports teams, which have helped me work well in different ways. Adjusting to different teammates and coaches, and stressful situations has helped me outside of sports and taught me how to be a team player. Being an athlete will help me with different patients every day and succeed in difficult interactions. Balancing a job, sports, and school to maintain exceptional grades is an ongoing goal of mine. It has been challenging, but it also taught and molded me into my future self. Becoming a mother is also important to me. The flexible dental field working hours would allow me the ability to care and provide for my future family. This scholarship will help me get closer to my future goals.

My love for volleyball began when I was in elementary school. Ever since then, volleyball has become my escape from the outside world. To the outside world, I am a shy and

reserved individual, but on the volleyball court I am the complete opposite. Volleyball has helped me adjust to different teammates, coaches, stressful situations, and most importantly taught me how to be a team player. Volleyball is mentally challenging, one mistake, and your whole game can be ruined by your mindset. Learning to adjust to the mistakes you have made, and better the ball next time is a lesson I use every day in my life. It has taught me not to get stuck in the past, but to focus on the future and the goods that can come out of it. Volleyball is more than just a sport to me it's my outlet that brings out the best side of me.

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I believe that I am deserving this scholarship because of the passion and love I have for this sport. Not only have I become a better player, but off the court I have become a better person. I have been working at this sport since I was in third grade and dreamed of being at the spot I am right now. I would love to use this scholarship to help me with my future dreams and plans.