

Zack

My ACE Story

Some people need more help than others. I have needed help often in my life. From my dyslexia to money, I needed help so far in multiple circumstances. I struggle asking for help, and asking for money may be the most difficult task of all. Having a single mom and having not as much money as she would like to send her kids to a good school, the ACE foundation helped make my mother's dreams possible.

My name is Zack from Montana. I am a graduating senior at [ACE Partner School]. I will attend Boise State University in the Honors College the upcoming fall. I have been an ACE Scholar for all four years of my high school career, and I wouldn't be in the spot that I am today without the ACE foundation.

[ACE Partner School] being the only private school in my town is well known for its academic success. Along with that, it does cost a lot of money to attend this college prep school. My family situation made it a big stretch for me to even consider attending [ACE Partner School], but my mom really wanted me to go. My mom is a single parent that unfortunately does not make a lot of money. Without the help of my first ACE donor I would not have been able to attend [ACE Partner School]. After attending for four years I could not imagine my life had I not graduated from [ACE Partner School]. At this high school I have been supported so much by the small community around me. With my graduating class having 42 kids in it they become my family.

I also have a learning disability called dyslexia. Although the state of Montana does not actually recognize it as a learning disability, I have received help my whole life for my disability. The close community of my teachers and classmates at [ACE Partner School] helped me succeed in the classroom despite my troubles. Over the past four years I have learned how to become a mature and responsible young man, how to study correctly, take notes properly, and, overall, how to become a successful student. That never would have happened if I did not receive the support of the [ACE Partner School] community. I would not have been able to go to [ACE Partner School] without the help of the ACE scholarship, therefore I am extremely grateful for the aid I have received.

My junior year I took an elective called Anatomy and Physiology. This challenging class put me on the path of what I think my future career will consist of. In Boise I plan on getting a major in physical therapy and possibly a minor in psychology. I am beyond fascinated by how the human body works and I enjoy helping people so I thought PT would be a great fit.

Without the help from your donors and this foundation, I wouldn't even be in this spot to write this essay nor be in the position I am today. I am forever grateful for the help and the support the ACE scholarships have given me throughout the past four years of my life. It has forever shaped my future and the rest of my life. People will always say "never forget where you came from" and I will always remember this foundation, even one day I hope to be a donor to help kids that are in the same spot financial during high school. Thank you again for everything.