

How has ACE Scholarships influenced your future?

When I first began attending [ACE Partner School], I was a moody pre-teen who thought that there was almost nothing valuable about school. I was also angry at my mom for “forcing” me to move and leave my friends and the small town I had lived in for my entire life. I did not want to go to a private school which required uniforms and Latin class. Instead, I desired to stay at home, watch television, and wanted to simply do what I viewed as "fun", instead of doing what was "hard". I am grateful to say that I no longer view school the same way because the education I have received has completely changed my mind. I attend an incredible school with a rigorous academic program. I did not always see the value in the hard work that was required to succeed there, but I have now come to realize that my years at a private, classical school have changed and helped me grow more than anything else.

My education has made me hardworking and goal oriented. It has taught me to persevere, to continue to push through difficult circumstances, and ultimately come out stronger in the end. [ACE Partner School] has taught me to care about things that really matter and recognize my desire to serve and help those around me. It has instilled a desire within me to learn and discover as much as I possibly can. I can confidently say that my education has made me stronger, has taught me to set my goals higher, and has demonstrated to me that hard work always pays off.

Once I began to understand the value of the education I was receiving, there was no doubt in my mind that I would leave [ACE Partner School] to attend a public school. However, as I have matured and grown older I now understand that it would have been impossible for me to attend [ACE Partner School] for the seven years I have if I did not receive financial help. My single mom worked incredibly hard in an attempt to pay for tuition. But ultimately, without ACE scholarships, attending [ACE Partner School] would have been nearly impossible.

ACE Scholarships has changed my life because it has given me the opportunity to succeed and develop into the person I am today. I have many goals and I believe that I can meet them all because my high school education has taught me to do just that. ACE has given me something invaluable and for that I am incredibly grateful.

In college I plan to major in Elementary Education. I have chosen this major because I believe that teachers are some of the most influential members of society. They guide those who will become the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs. Teachers make a difference; mine have certainly made a difference in my life and I desire to do the same. I want to help children realize their potential and teach them to work hard to meet any goal they might have. After college I hope to teach abroad and help bring the value of education to societies that might not presently recognize it. In college, I plan to work hard to learn everything I can about child psychology and effective teaching methods. I also plan to study abroad and experience different styles of education.

I do not think that I would be interested in this career if I did not personally experience all of the love and attention my teachers poured into me at [ACE Partner School]. Through allowing me to attend [ACE Partner School], ACE Scholarships has helped me determine my career path and has prepared me well for the next chapter of my life.