

My name is Tylee [REDACTED]. I am an ACE scholar in Miles City, Montana. I am very thankful for the ACE Scholarship Program, because of this program I have attended [REDACTED] School kindergarten through 6th grade. If I had attended our local public school system I would have changed schools two times as I got older. That would have been very scary each time. Without ACE scholarships, I would not have attended this school because my parents could not have afforded it.

I like this school because of the family-like atmosphere it has. It is a small school that has small class sizes. Everyone knows everyone, including the parents. The teachers are amazing and are able to help us one-on-one as we need it. One-on-one is not often found in a public school with large classes. The kids are like family because we have all been together for six fun and exciting years. I have some great friends at my school.

The older students, 6th - 8th, are expected to be role models for the younger students. We help the younger kids get to and from mass safely and sit with them during mass. We also go into classrooms and help during their special functions and events. I think it is fun and makes it feel even more like a big family when we all look out for each other. I don't think I would have the chance to be a student leader anywhere else. I know this will be helpful when I get older.

Ace scholarships have allowed me to be a part of a school that really believes in a good education and being of service to others. I have helped raise money for local charities and it was fun. I think it is very important to help others whenever we can. I know I will keep doing this in the future. The food bank, cancer groups, family services, and salvation army are a few of groups that I think of. I have also been able to help by doing physical work for people and groups. This makes me feel good about what I have completed.

I am also thankful to be able to learn about religion at school. I enjoy weekly mass on Fridays and daily religion class with Sister. Starting in Kindergarten I learned the basic principles of the Catholic religion and have just built on them each year. I know this has given me a good solid foundation to lean on as I get older. Now that I am older, I alter serve for the church once a month, this makes me more comfortable in front of large groups of people. Being confident around people is a good thing to have as I grow up.

Ace Scholarships is the reason I am a student at [REDACTED] School. I love everything about my school and am excited about the future. I am sure my confidence in service, leadership, friendship, and caring is from my years at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thank you Ace Scholarships for all that you have done for me.