Scholarship Essay

For organization scholarships (SGA) at Auburn University: Describe your educational goals and leadership qualifications.

There are many different types of leaders in this world. For example, some leaders are loud and make it known that they are the boss, and others are more of the quiet, behind the scenes type. Even more so, some leaders are born, and others are made. No matter how far apart leaders may be from others in the vast spectrum of things, they are all considered successful. However, my favorite type of leader is a smart one, because in my eyes people who realize that there is something new to be learned every day only build on skills that they already have and they only get better. Being a successful leader and attaining an excellent education has always been something that I hold to a high importance; over the years I have developed several leadership characteristics and skills, and I plan to continue growing and expanding my education.

Throughout my entire life, I have always been told that I have a great gift of being able to lead and help others. Moreover, I try to make it a goal to help at least one person a day, whether it is a simple homework problem or a complicated life issue that someone may be facing. I have served many different leadership roles and positions ranging from being a club officer to volunteering. Some examples of these roles are being the Senior Class Vice President, FCCLA Treasurer, SGA Vice President, and a Vacation Bible School volunteer every summer at Jemison First Baptist Church. Usually, I am the one who takes charge in group projects, mostly because I want things done the right way the first time. Most of all, I feel that the ultimate leadership quality or characteristic I possess is being a good listener. A leader cannot function or be successful without listening to and receiving feedback from the people that he or she is leading.

In the summer of 2013, between my sophomore and junior years of high school, I was nominated to represent Jemison High School in a state leadership conference at Jacksonville State University. The name of the conference was Alabama Youth Leadership Program, or AYLP. Here, I learned important skills and ways to improve being an effective leader through lectures and exercises, such as listening to peers and what they
have to say, and how to effectively persuade and elaborate on topics I may feel strongly about. I also had the chance to meet new people and make friends from schools all over the state while at AYLP, friends that will last a lifetime. I feel that this opportunity and experience greatly enhances my leadership skills and qualifications.

I yearn to expand my education beyond just a high school setting; thankfully I have been accepted to and plan to attend Auburn University in the fall of 2015. Here, I want to major in Nutrition-Dietetics in order to later become a Registered Dietitian. I chose this major because I love to help others and I am fascinated with different nutrients and how they affect the human body. Furthermore, I chose this university to further my education because Auburn University is one of the few colleges in the state of Alabama to actually offer Nutrition-Dietetics as a major, plus I love Auburn! With this choice of major, I will have many Chemistry and Biology classes that I know will be difficult. However, I plan to work hard and study in order to keep good grades and do things the right way and strive for perfection in everything that I do.

If I were to become a recipient of this scholarship, not only will I use it to my advantage to help cover costs and payments, but I will also tell others about how much this organization helped me and how they can learn more about it. Due to my leadership qualifications and background, I feel like I could greatly benefit from this opportunity if granted to me. Ray Kroc says, “The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.” With my educational goals and high hopes, this statement proves true to my situation and life. Being a successful and educated leader has always been and will forever be important to me, and I want to continue growing and improving while transitioning into this new stage of my life.