

Hanna Creighton – St. James – McAuley High School

I strive to stay balanced by being motivated and organized in my daily life. I have had many experiences that have helped shape me into the person I am becoming. I have faced many challenges balancing school, work, and extracurricular activities. This has taught me to be able to manage my time to achieve higher goals.

I have been in Girl Scouts since kindergarten and have developed great friendships and been involved in community service projects. Since seventh grade, I have been working on achieving the Marian Medal Award which is one of the highest honors for Catholic Girl Scouts. I have enjoyed completing the Marian Medal activities. I now have a better understanding of Mary and her life by the following activities: studied Mary's life through scripture, made a rosary, prayed the rosary, created a play of Jesus and Mary, learned about other religions, and gained a better understanding of the Catholic Faith. On 02/23/2014, I will be receiving the Marian Medal. Memories that I have learned about my faith will last a life time.

I have participated in the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center walks that are held on an annual basis. The money that was raised went to the Audiology Department to provide hearing aids for families who can't afford them for their children who have a hearing loss. I have volunteered to help at the Audiology Picnics for Children with hearing loss for five years. My organizational skills have improved by compiling handouts for the Audiology Conferences held in the community.

During the past two summers, I volunteered to babysit a young child on a regular basis while the mother attended work obligations. Currently, I babysit on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons for a seven year old boy from 4:00-5:30 on a weekly basis.

I enjoy keeping busy and volunteering in my community. Some of the activities I have been involved in are: working at the St. James Festival on an annual basis, raising money for the Cincinnati West Pregnancy Center for items the families needed, making totes for foster children, assisting at an Ice Cream Social at the Ronald McDonald House, working with children and adults who have special needs through community dances and bowling activities.

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I look forward to adding additional tasks to my life as I enter High School. These tasks will help me in the future to interact with a diverse group of people while volunteering my time. One of my life long goals is to increase my faith for God and expand my horizons.

It would be an honor if I were to be chosen for the 2014 Aubrey Rose Scholarship. I will continue to use my unique set of skills and abilities to make a difference in my community. Thank you for reading my essay.

Sincerely,

Hanna Creighton