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Hello, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to apply for the Aubrey Rose Foundation Scholarship. I believe that I have many qualities that the Foundation values and appreciates. I strive to be a volunteer, a good student, an athlete, and a leader. Everyday I try to be an open-minded, loyal, caring, friendly, and hard working individual with a positive attitude in everything I do. I have developed these character traits with the guidance from my family, school, and parish.

I am currently an 8th grader at All Saints. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at All Saints, but am definitely ready for new challenges and experiences. During my junior high years at All Saints, I have tried to be a role model to the younger students. I try to be a positive role model by spending my time teaching or playing with the kids. I have been tutoring 1st graders since I was in 6th grade. During my 6th, 7th, and 8th grade years, I have been part of the Character Team, which is a group of junior high students who spread each month's moral focus (i.e. Respect, Gratitude, etc.). On Sundays, dozens of kids from all different schools gather in our Parish's Youth Group room. From time to time we participate in community services like fixing up someone's yard or working at parish events. Through Youth Group, I have learned a lot about my faith and how to follow the right path.

Outside of school, I am a tour guide for our school's Open House and at our New Family Pizza Party. My Catholic faith is very special to me. I have participated in my parish's masses by being an altar server and Eucharistic minister. I have also participated in the Bible Bowl, where we compete against other schools in our knowledge of the bible. I have been part of my parish's Vacation Bible School since 6th grade; my position of leadership has always been Crew Leader. I work with my parish to help others by serving lunches at a homeless shelter, and filling and distributing Thanksgiving baskets. Also, I have been a member of the All Saints girl scouts since I was in Kindergarten. Scouts have helped me become a leader while working within a large group. I have really enjoyed the service projects I have participated in within the Girl Scout program. We have gone to Matthew 25 Ministries, Kids Against Hunger, participated in Operation Christmas Child, and made crafts for charitable donations. The leadership and team player qualities I have developed are also important in the athletic programs I enjoy. Whether on the soccer field, in the volleyball and basketball gym, or at the golf course, being a supportive, positive, and encouraging leader on a team is important.

One of my proudest accomplishments in leadership and service has come from my participation in my parish's [Tender Mercies program](#). All Saints provides a healthy lunch once a month for the Tender Mercies residents. Since the beginning of my 7th grade year I have coordinated the monthly volunteer work by creating the Sign Up Genius for the food and servers, following-up to make sure everything is covered, and sending thank-you notes to all who participate. At The Summit there is a club for Tender Mercies where they go down on Sundays and serve, so I hope to join that club

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also. I hope to continue my work with Tender Mercies through my high school years, with both All Saints and The Summit Country Day programs. It is such a good feeling knowing I am helping people and supporting one of my parish's (and future school's) missions. I find it inspirational to witness the generosity of our parish members who, month after month, kindly support this wonderful program.

In addition to my extracurricular activities, I am the second oldest of five children. There are sometimes challenges in being part of a large (sometimes crazy😊) family, but I think having four siblings has helped make me who I am today. By being the second oldest child, lots of responsibility was given to me to help take care of the younger three and be a good role model. My siblings and I range in age from 16 to 5, and I cannot imagine my life without them by my side.

I try to live my life treating others as I would want them to treat me. A smile, kind word, and positive attitude can go a long way in making the world a better place. Thank you for what the Aubrey Rose Foundation does to put smiles on many family's faces!