

## **Chloee Tucker- St. Dominic- Seton High school**

My name is Chloee Tucker. I am the only child and the first to go to St. Dominic. The first to follow my grandmas footsteps to soar at Seton High School. Growing up as an only child got very lonely. My mom is a nurse and she made sure she kept me busy with walks we would do together such as the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, or volunteering places. My mom always said to me as a little girl that someone loves you no matter the obstacle. To speak up and don't be afraid to express myself.

Back in May of 2016, our family was hit with some devastating news about my health. I was diagnosed with Brain Cancer. Man that was a blow. Like Kelly Clarkson always said, "What doesn't kill me makes me stronger." I, Chloee Tucker, wasn't going to let cancer consume me! So, I took action! Started very intensive chemotherapy. Nine months in I had an allergic reaction to the treatment and my heart stopped, in doctor words, I coded.. That was very scary to me and my family. Today almost two years later, I'm taking pill chemo every single day, that doesn't make me sick. My inoperable brain tumor (cancer) is shrinking!! I could not be more proud of myself.

In the mitts of the year I've accomplished so much. In March of 2017 I had a fashion show called Katwalk "fighting the tide against cancer". For that I raised money for Cancer and Blood Disease Institute because I wanted too. Seeing all those kids who have cancer shattered my heart into a million pieces. I was also acknowledged by the Mayor of Cincinnati and was awarded "The youth leadership proclamation award"! I even have my own day in the city of Cincinnati! I also made a short documentary film about my cancer struggle, which is still in editing.

This scholarship means the world to me, not only what it stands for but what I stand for. I want to be able to attend the High School that I have been dreaming of since I was little. With that said, I want to say Thank you for giving me this opportunity to apply for such an amazing scholarship and to express to you why it is important to me.

This would be less of a financial burden for my family, especially with all the medical bills I have piling up. If given the scholarship I will be able to shine, and soar at Seton! Thank you.