

Emma Raley- St.Dominic- Seton High School

I feel honored to apply for the Aubrey Rose educational scholarship. I have been educated in a Catholic school for 10 years. Throughout those 10 years I have been taught to help people around me and affect their lives in the best way I can. Knowing that I put a smile on someone's face or made their day just a little bit better makes me really happy.

I am involved in a lot of clubs at my school that work to help people. I am a server at funeral masses and help people through their time of loss. I am also on student counsel board at St. Dominic. I voice the opinions of my classmates to better our school and make sure everyone is happy and comfortable. I participate in service club after school. We collect supplies that we donate to shelters, we make cards to thank the people in our parish, and we make things to give to people in hospitals. The service club works to help those who just need a little bit of brightness in their lives.

I am also involved in my community. My mom is a special education teacher. She teaches students with many different disabilities. In the past, I have worked with her students by reading or playing games. Seeing the kids smile and laugh when we play games together reminds me of how lucky I am! God gave me a gift and I am fortunate to share kindness with others. I also volunteer at the Anderson Ferry Food Bank. It is nice to see that such a small place can make such a big difference in our community! Volunteering at the food bank showed me that no matter how small, anything is a gift to those in need. I loved being able to go down and pack up a box of food and hygiene products for the people to come and get and see how truly grateful they are to receive help.

I live at home with my mom, my dad, and my little sister. My family is the very close and supportive of each other. Having a little sibling is very hard to deal with at times but I love having a forever best friend. Even though we fight we are always there for each other. My sister watches me very closely and I have to be her role model. I try to guide her to make the right decisions in life and rely on God and faith. I want her to follow in my footsteps and be a leader and have a positive impact on others in her life. My sister is one of the most important things to me and I want her to follow me in my Catholic faith.

I have been given many opportunities to affect the people in my school, community and home. I try my best to share my spirit of kindness, hope and faith. I believe that every small act of service can have a positive impact on someone. I love helping people and knowing I made them smile! Thank you to the Frondorf and Hollenkamp Family for considering me for this scholarship in memory of Aubrey Rose.