

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

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School: Farragut High School

Career Goal: Doctor

College: University of Tennessee Knoxville

GPA: 3.89



Leadership Experience:

Krishna was the president of her local HOSA chapter in the 2010-2011 school year. She was a co-president of a book club that she helped start at her school from 2008-2011.

Volunteer Experiences:

Krishna participated in the Teddy Bear Fair, where she helped familiarize children with things they would see in a doctor's office, making them more comfortable with going to the doctor. She also helped collect hygiene products to send to the Ronald McDonald House.

Excerpts from Krishna's Essay:

The Farragut High School chapter of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) utilizes competitions, service projects, and guest speakers to help students learn about health care. Through my experiences as a HOSA officer and HOSA president, I gained and solidified some valuable qualities that will remain with me for the rest of my life.

One quality I solidified through my HOSA experience was responsibility. I was a responsible person before, but when I became president of the FHS chapter of HOSA, the definition of responsibility became broader. As president I soon found out that everything falls to me in the end. I was responsible for planning club and officer meetings, service projects, encouraging people to compete, and helping match members with competitions that would suit them. Of course I had help. My counsel has been invaluable to me, but in the end, all praise and/or blame falls on my shoulders. I knew that responsibilities take precedence over enjoyment, but when I became president of HOSA, I truly understood what comes with the title president. I quickly realized that I would have to put my priorities in order. HOSA has to come first because of how big a role I play in its maintenance.

Another quality I gained from HOSA was confidence. Before HOSA I was kind of shy. Once I became president, I had to come out of my shell. As president, everyone knew who I was. I was one of the people who answered any questions they had. Over time, my shyness faded. I am able to carry myself with an air of certainty. I am no longer hesitant in my actions or choices, and I don't meekly ask members to do stuff. I am firm in my stand and can be bossy if necessary. With these traits, I feel prepared for college and life beyond that.

The leadership I take away I can use in the future by being part of clubs and committees, and organizing events. It will help me when I become a doctor because doctors have to be authoritative; lives may depend on it. The newly defined sense of responsibility I take away will be used to keep me on track in college and life after that. It will enable me to keep my priorities straight. It will also ensure that I become a competent doctor who can follow procedures and protocol. My self confidence will enable me to stand up for myself and others. It will also ensure that I have the strength to take the lead when necessary. Additionally, it will enable me to disagree with others instead of meekly accepting something. This would be important in the medical field when discussing patient prognosis or diagnosis.