

## **Whitney M. Young Scholarship Application**

### **Essay**

As I continue to grow as a student, my community grows with me. My education is the pathway to the success of my community. With psychology, my field of study, I will be able to help the people that have been through hardships and need a push in the right direction. As President Obama said, “a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity – it’s a prerequisite.” Education is my requirement to make my life and my community better.

In my community there is a huge problem with education and the way it is perceived by students. Education is taken advantage of because the students have it so easy. They do not see that education is a privilege, not a right. There are other countries that have no education at all but when they are supplied with the tools to get a better education they take more advantage than American kids.

With psychology, I can counsel those students in my community on how education is important to them. It is not so much the experience we have in school as much as it is what we take out of school and apply it to our society. My education would enable me to help countless numbers of people with psychological issues. I could be of assistance with anything from family issues to relationship problems. I will use my education and skill to inevitably create a more stable community.

Not only will I put my education into action, I will be a symbol of how education is a prerequisite. Hopefully my success will inspire and serve as a model for others to achieve the same mind set of hard work and persistence. Today in our world, especially with a struggling economy, a high school diploma does not get you as far as it once did. On top of the economy, there is intense competition for jobs and if you are not prepared with college degree, your chances of obtaining a career is slim to none. If people see that I have reached my goals, then they can see that it is possible for them as well.

With my help, my community will realize that they can do what they want to do with a proper education. My community will then flourish and their hard work will be rewarded. President Obama is on track with his ideas on education as it affects modern day society. My most valuable skill that I can sell is my knowledge and with that, I can improve my community. Education is fulfillment and growth. I will help expand my community’s knowledge and

represent them in a positive way. Helping my community is just the beginning; if we work together we will be able to create a positive and lasting impact on the world.