

OUR 2008 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

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As I open the front door to leave for work, I smile as I watch my Yorkie, Baqin, trot by my side as if he plans to join me for my days endeavor. His minor motion brings up nostalgic memories of my childhood dog, Fluffy. He'd often dart out of the door as soon as it opened and my father would have to chase him up the street and in to various neighbor's yards. Small things like that force me to look back and wonder what life would be like for my sister and I if our father was still animate. Darel Owens held many titles: Father, Son, Cousin, and Brother; Though he is no longer alive, our family continues growing closer and stronger.

In my opinion, our annual gathering of the Scruggs-Owens family is not only a reunion, but a celebration. While we enjoy the eating, laughing and dancing, it is the expression of love and devotion through hugs, kisses, and solicitous utters, that allow our tradition to continue. The love and faith that I gain from my family is what drives me to wake up in the morning and surpass expectations. Grandma Dee constantly telling me how pleased she is with me and the reminder that "I'm just like my dad", is what pushes me to succeed. Knowing that my dad is smiling down on me after arriving promptly at my computer programming class at eight in the morning, even though I didn't go to bed until two in the morning, is what allows me to end my day drained but successful.

I obtained the "Daddy's Little Girl" entitlement the preceding year and it is something I value. This year I'm aspiring to uphold the "Daddy's Little Girl" reputation because it's something I carry with a lot of pride and grace. In addition to the honored title,

I would benefit from the monetary incentive as I did the previous year. With trying to focus more on studies and less on where the money will come from for school expenses, the scholarship award would be used solely for text books and supplies. The appreciation felt from last year's award, can hardly be expressed with words. I'm thankful for the Scruggs- Owens family and for the consideration of being the 2009 "Daddy's Little Girl" recipient.

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