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...There is the saying that it "takes a village to raise a child".....that holds true for me. It also takes much prayer too! Although my father couldn't be there for me everyday, as we both wanted, I realized that I still had "father figures" in my life. I understand that no one can take the place of a parent, but God sends us who we need at just the right time to fill the void. My brother CJ and stepfather Darrell are two men who stepped in and helped raise and support me.....I'm thankful for them. I have uncles and grandfathers who also treat me as their own and show me love, support and correction when needed....for them I am grateful. And I can't leave out my grandma and godmother who have always been there for me no matter what. I know that my dad wanted to do so much for me, yet when he couldn't, God answered and sent just the right people to help me. I know that he appreciates all of the special people who have helped me become the young woman that I am. I know that my dad is forever thankful to everyone, just as I am!

As time passed and I grew and matured, I realized the importance of the phrase, "daddy's little girl". This phrase speaks life into my present and future. These three words, after time, would make such a positive impact and take hold of my life. The day I realized that I truly was "daddy's little girl" changed my life forever. I learned that not only do I have earthly "daddy's", whose job is to shape and mold me into a decent human being, I also have my heavenly "daddy" who is there to direct my steps and point me towards his will for my life and that He is doing.

Despite several obstacles and challenges, I've still taken steps to secure a great future for myself and to also achieve my goals and dreams. On June 4, 2010, I graduated from Chopticon High School in Morganza, Maryland. After relocating to Cleveland, I began to pursue a career in the medical field. I attended and on May 18, 2011 graduated from Kaplan Career Institute with a certificate of completion from their Medical Assistant program. On August 30, 2011 my journey continued as I began an RN program at Tri-C. My goal is to complete this program to become a Registered Nurse. I, and all of those around me realize that prayer and faith has gotten me to this point and will continue to carry me through. Being "Daddy's Little Girl" Scholarship Winner will help enable me to secure a promising future and I will feel very special and blessed. (Like winning Ms. America) .I'm thankful to be considered. I believe that my moment is now and I'll let nothing stand in my way. This is an exciting time for me and it would not have been possible had I not had so many "daddy's" showing me just how much I am their "little girl".

I especially want to say thank you to my step dad, Darrell. He's been a part of my life since I was 3 and 1/2 years old. He has always treated me as his own child. He has and to this day continues to help raise me and is there to fill whatever need I may have whether it be financial, emotional or spiritual. We may not carry the same blood in our veins but I've learned that sometimes those not related to us are just as much a parent as our own parents are. I just want to thank you Darrell for stepping up and being there for me. You may hold the title of "stepfather" but you'll always be a dad to me. You're my DAD "BY HEART" (my heart). Thanks Daddy Darrell, I love you! Thank you to my parents as well, for without them I would not have been given the gift of life!

Thank you for considering me for this scholarship...it is an honor and privilege.

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