## **OUR 2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT**



Daddy's Little Girl Essay



My name is Marquett Samuels, and I am applying for the Daddy's Little Girl Scholarship. I believe I would be an outstanding recipient of this scholarship because I am a dedicated young lady who has compassion and believes change is possible when people actively engage in it. Throughout high school, I was involved in Track and Field, Tennis, National Honor Society, Junior Achievement (serving

as a volunteer increasing global market place awareness), Spirit Club, and Yearbook.

As I began my first year at Thiel College, I was so shy and did not know how I personally was going to make it through without my family being there with me. With God by my side, I managed to make the Dean's List my freshman year. As a Thiel student, I am currently honored to serve as the secretary of Organization of Black Collegians, the Vice President of T.C. Soldiers for God, as well as being an active member of Women Inspiring the Next Generation. I am also an active participant on the tennis court as well as Track and Field. This scholarship will help me continue the adventure in my journey in becoming a professional politician, where I aspire to teach others and motivate them to make a change in this world.

I would make an extraordinary recipient of your scholarship because I have had not only my father inspire me, but I have been impacted by two other males that have provided that father guidance and love. My brothers and I have separate dads, but they have all blessed and impacted my life in extraordinary ways. Growing up, my father has always been there for me in the time of need. I was fortunate enough that my brothers' dads were there too. My dad has taught me to go for my dreams no matter how high they may seem. My one brother's dad taught me the respect a man should have for a woman, and to always keep my faith no matter the situation. My other brother's dad taught me to do what is right, and to do it right the first time. But overall, they have taught me to stay true to who I am and not settle for anything less. I am so blessed to have these role models as father figures, teaching me these values as I was growing up that still impact my world today.

Throughout my life, I have learned the importance of studying God for myself, sharing it with others, and living it daily. I am involved in the Youth and Young Adult Choir, Unspoken Praise, and Instruments of Praise. While in these ministries, I have learned that God loves me, for who I am. For I do not know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow. If it was not for the love, support and encouragement of my church, friends, and my family I would not be the person I am today. It is with this mixture and belief that I will always be "Daddy's Little Girl"!

Thank you for your time.

Marquett Samuels