

The following are all categories I should keep on my radar while searching for scholarships. It is my goal to continue to brainstorm for more categories about myself that I can add to the list.

ETHNICITY/HERITAGE I am Caucasian. My heritage is Scottish, French Canadian and Irish.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION I am a Christian and a practising Catholic.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS I am tall (5'11" – tall for a female). I wear contacts and glasses because I am near sighted. I had knee surgery from a soccer injury 2 years ago.

CAREER GOAL I would like to be Physical Therapist. After injuring my knee and needing surgery, I spent a lot of time with physical therapists. They were so inspiring! I want to specialize in working with kids who have injuries. If possible, my goal is to travel with Doctors Without Borders and help kids in other countries who have joint injuries to recover with physical therapy.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION I live in Northampton, Massachusetts which is in Hampshire County.

"THE BASICS" about ME

GRADE POINT AVERAGE My current cumulative GPA is 3.45. My goal is to bring it up to a 3.6 by the end of the semester with the extra credit projects I am taking on in my biology and U.S. History classes.

ATTENDANCE I had 2 excused early dismissals because of doctor's appointments this academic year. I have not officially missed any days of school this academic year.

CLUBS I am a founding member of the "Speak Your Truth" club, which is a club dedicated to honoring the Freedom of Speech. We strive to help all students be heard at our school, even if we don't agree with their beliefs. Last year we organized a "Poem-A-Thon" fundraiser to raise monies for international groups helping to protect the freedom of speech. Our club members took turns reading poems we had written about speaking our truth. The event lasted 3 hours and donations totaled almost \$2000! We plan to organize a similar event this year and involve a local club from the nearby university. This year we will do a "Speech-A Thon" and read famous speeches from people who have stood up to being heard. We expect our event to run 24 hours and hope to raise \$10,000.

SPORTS I am a soccer player. I have been playing since I was in 4th grade and am a goalie. Although I injured my knee two years ago, I have never stopped loving the game! Last year our committed team made it all the way to the State Championship game. We didn't win, but it was the greatest achievement my school's team had ever accomplished. We hope to make it back to State's this year and take home the trophy!

ARTS I play flute and saxophone. I participate in my school's Marching Band, Competitive Advanced Jazz Band, Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. My goal is to be honored with the role of Drum Major during my senior year.

LEADERSHIP OR MENTORING I started the "Speak Your Truth" club with my best friend. I am helping my cousin who goes to another school create a similar club at his high school. I learned that a nearby community was short coaches for their youth community soccer programs. Once a week for 2 hours I volunteer time as an assistant coach to help the elementary school age kids become better soccer players. I love it!

COMMUNITY SERVICE My grandmother lives at a residential community for elderly individuals who need some additional assistance. She loves that I am musician and asked me often to play for her when I visited. Her friends at the residential community loved listening too, so I now arrange an official visit once a month to play some music during their dinner time. It feels really wonderful to make her and her friends so happy, even if my playing isn't always perfect. A couple times a few of my band friends came and played with me too.