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As a little kid, school was all fun and naps and snacks. Then we grew, and it became class periods and friends and homework. Even in high school, the fun, the friends and even some naps, is all still there. We never really get out of school, after all, every day we learn something new. The people who gave us the chances to say, "I told you so." or to be able to get the satisfaction of receiving a "Good Job!" stamp on our paper, they're never really thanked. Teachers have been there since we started singing our ABC's. They watch us grow, they encourage us to do our best and they smile and cry as we cross the stage for a final goodbye. They are the second family that helps raise us and helps bring out the best in all of us, one student at a time. Throughout our lives we have countless numbers of people who have left impressions on us that last for forever. In 8th grade I had the best math teacher. He made class fun and everyone was involved with what we were learning. My freshman year I had another math teacher, my second favorite teacher. Not only was he a great teacher but also a great friend. As I continued through my high school career I encountered so many teachers that were amazing at their jobs and each one of them were so unique. I was left with the impression that I could trust them, I could go to them for help in school, and I found that I told myself that that is what I want. I want to make an impression on so many people, I want to help others grow, learn and enjoy school. So many kids lives could change because of one person, and I want the opportunity to be able to be that person. Winning this scholarship would help me be able to complete this dream I have. This dream of being able to encourage students and bring the love of learning into their minds, just like it was brought to mine. This scholarship could help send me to school to learn and grow myself. After college I plan to teach 8th grade or freshman high school math. To have the chance to help expand the minds of the new generations and to help bring excitement back to school, that is what this scholarship could do for me.

Teaching to me is not just another job. Teaching is a career, we are taught as children to find something we love and do it for the rest of our lives. To me, that is teaching. I have job shadowed teachers, I have sat in different environments of classrooms, and I have had the chance to know teachers as friends. I have never wanted to do anything else more in my life than teach.