

## Form Summary

Name	Rodney Tolbert, Jr.
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Phone	210-663-4468
Birth date	10/04/2001
Age	20
Please Check All that Apply:	African American/Black
High School:	Earl Warren High School
High School Mailing Address:	9411 Military Drive West, San Antonio TX, 78251.
High School Guidance Counselor:	Ms. Angela Taylor
High School Contact Phone #	210-397-4200
GPA:	
Class Rank:	
Graduation Date:	Jun 01, 2021
College Name:	Northwest Vista College
Intended Major/Field of Study:	3D Animation, A.A.S. at Northwest Vista transferring to Texas A&M University for a Bachelor of Science in Visualization
Church Name/Pastor (if member):	Cleft of the Rock Church, Pastor Les Bramlett, Senior Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Fowler, Sr., Youth Pastor 6041 WT Montgomery Road, San Antonio, TX 78252
Community Service and/or Extra Curricular Activities (if any):	Boy Scouts of America (Troop 911) Rehabarama (performing repairs and maintenance of historic buildings in and around San Antonio) San Antonio Animal Care Services Volunteer Cleft of the Rock Church Teen Leader
Honors and Awards (if any):	I am currently on the Dean's List this semester with a semester GPA of 4.0. My overall GPA is 3.66.
Please list below the names and amounts of any grants or scholarships you have been awarded for the coming school year: Name of Award:                      Amount:                      Granted/Pending:	Federal Pell Grant \$1,717 Pending (based on Spring, 2022) TPEG Resident-NVC \$3,112 Pending (based on Spring, 2022)

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Please share your educational and career goals/aspirations and how you plan to move toward greatness:

I would not be classified as a traditionally "gifted" student. In fact, I was classified as special education from the age of two years old through high school. You see, I was born deaf. My learning disabilities include speech and auditory impairment. At the age of three years old, my parents were told that IF I graduate from high school, I would probably only be reading on a third grade level. My parents decided that they would seek out the best education that they could afford for me and through prayer, sacrifice, and dedication, they moved our family to allow me to attend a private oral-deaf education program. I struggled, but I overcame. In sixth grade I transitioned to public school and struggled even more. But I overcame. In high school, I also struggled. But yes, I overcame and graduated on time, reading on grade level. In attending college, my SAT scores indicated that I was not "college ready". I took the required "refresher" courses and successfully received a B average in college English and college algebra. I am an overcomer. My mom would say I am "more than a conqueror". People have counted me out my whole life. But I don't let labels or projections define me. My story is not unique, but my ending will be.

I am an artist and an avid video gamer. I will earn my A.A.S from Northwest Vista and transfer to Texas A&M University to earn my B.S. in Visualization. My Mom says I should consider some sort of art therapy program. I don't know about that, but I do want to share my art with the world and use my testimony to encourage little black and brown children who have been told what they can't do, to also overcome and be the best that they can be despite what the world tells them.