

Form Summary

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Birth date	05/15/2003
Age	19
Please Check All that Apply:	African American/Black
High School:	Peachtree Ridge High School
High School Mailing Address:	1555 Old Peachtree Rd NW, Suwanee, GA 30024
High School Guidance Counselor:	Teresa Wilson
High School Contact Phone #	678-957-3100
GPA:	3.9
Class Rank:	144/802
Graduation Date:	05/31/2021
College Name:	Spelman College
Intended Major/Field of Study:	Mathematics
Church Name/Pastor (if member):	Faith Free Full Gospel Church Gwen Bennett
Community Service and/or Extra Curricular Activities (if any):	AWM Math Club: Co-Community Chair Georgia Association of Educators: Co-Secretary of Service Chair 8 Community Service Hours through Bonner Office at Spelman
Honors and Awards (if any):	
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:	Pell Grant: \$6,895.00 (Granted) Hope Scholarship: \$4,564.00 (Granted) Georgia Tuition Equalizer Grant: \$900.00 (Granted) Lettie Pate Grant: 6,000.00 (Granted) Spelman Need Based Grant: 1,050.00 (Granted)

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

A teacher ignites the fire that fuels a student's thirst for knowledge, curiosity, wisdom and growth. I am thankful for the fire my teachers lit to help me discover my purpose in life. They have all made an impact on my growth and maturity. They pushed me when I didn't want to be pushed. They picked me up when I could no longer help myself. They were always there for me, and they made me realize I wanted to be a role model for others like they have been for me.

During my freshman year, in 2018, I thought my whole world was falling apart. My father suffered a heart attack and my life was uprooted temporarily when my siblings and I were sent to live with our grandma. I was trying to adjust to a different environment and taking care of my younger siblings. One day when I walked into my Literature and Composition class, I wasn't feeling too well physically or emotionally. My teacher, Mr. Gillis, sat behind his desk like he always did. In the middle of teaching, he stopped and turned towards me. He asked how my day was going, and truthfully I could have broken down. Instead, I told him I was hungry because I hadn't eaten breakfast. He smiled and offered me a granola bar. That simple question and gesture made me realize I wanted to be a teacher. I wanted to make difference in a student's life just like Mr. Gillis made at that moment.

At that point I never looked back. Following my father's recovery, I dedicated myself to children. I excelled in my education classes, became a teacher's aide, and began tutoring, worked at a day care, and completely devoted myself to children. Now that I attend Spelman College, I am on the right path to become the teacher that Mr. Gillis was to me. I currently am a mathematics major, and will declare a secondary education minor upon completion of the program. I'm doing everything within my power to move forward with my goal of becoming a teacher.

One day, I hope to be a mixture of every single one of my teachers who had a role in helping me grow into the young lady I am today. After graduating from Spelman College, I hope to make the same kind of difference in other young people's lives. Even if I only change one life, I will feel fulfilled knowing I was able to ignite a fire that fuels a student's thirst for the same knowledge, wisdom, curiosity, and growth that I received.