

I wish to nominate:

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After reading about the scholarship I thought to nominate Sasha. She has been dealt a rough hand- she was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in 7th grade, suffers from extreme migraines, and even broke her leg recently. I knew about the migraines and leg as I started this nomination but I reached out to Sasha to get more background on her medial struggles. That was when she shared her common application essay with me where I learned of her middle school complications with cancer. Her essay reveals how close she became with her oncologist and how that relationship has sparked a passion for biology and medicine.

Sasha has never sought pity or special treatment and few even know of her medical conditions. She remains positive, hopeful and outgoing. I don't even have her as a student but her cheerful demeanor and interest in medicine has drawn me in to multiple long conversations about summer medical programs, college, and other opportunities to pursue her areas of interest. Her ability to strike a smile on even her darkest days is inspiring. Sasha's struggle has at times forced her to receive instruction at home on multiple occasions but she has worked as hard as she could to maintain great grades and be a valued member of the choir. She even made it to higher level regional competitions and does not let the choir down. Everyday is a challenge yet Sasha continues to persevere and serve as a bedrock in her friend group.

She is know among her peers as being a good friend who is never involved with petty dramas but always makes herself available when someone else is upset. She is trust worthy, kind, and respectful of staff. She is an overall really nice kid who is looking to enter the helping professions.

I think Sasha's poise, grace and respectability make her a great candidate for the Alan Bell Memorial award.

Nominated by (your information):

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