

## Brianna Spruill

"You should never view your challenges as a disadvantage. Instead, it's important for you to understand that your experience facing and overcoming adversity is actually one of your biggest advantages." - Michelle Obama. What I have gotten from life is that my experience is what I value most. I am not ashamed of what I have been through because it has shaped the person I am today. Throughout my life I have encountered poverty and want to make a difference. I know that every opportunity to better myself, I will always take advantage of. I wanted to achieve more than the norm. I have expectations for myself that go above and beyond. I strive to better myself by getting my education. My mission is to never go back to how I was raised in poverty and overwhelmed with life. I want to help make a difference by working to end poverty.

This scholarship means that I can go to college with no worries. Coming from a low-income family it was imperative that I receive scholarships to pay for college. I realized in my senior year of high school that my dreams of walking across a stage at my college graduation would not happen unless I go out to get scholarships. Any money would help and I would remain grateful because they are helping me accomplish my dreams. This means that this scholarship will not be used irresponsibly or wasted. My ambition will not let me not accomplish my dreams and goals. I will always be thankful of the William O. Lockridge Community Foundation for awarding me this scholarship."