

### UC Personal Statement #3

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What makes my world so different, is that I come from a community where parents aren't very educated and don't support their children in the many ways they need to be helped. Little Lindsay has come a long way in education, but one aspect in every high school student's life is whether or not their parents will give them the help they need. Whether the help be financial, educational, or just moral support. For some students their parents are the last people that would help them with any of those things. My world differs in many ways because I have the exact opposite.

The world I come from is very different from others. I come from a small town, where everybody knows everybody and everyone is pretty much family with everyone. I come from a very supportive family, but most importantly, I come from the most supportive parents. My parents are so supportive of me in everything I do. I play 2 high school sports, basketball and swimming, and I am also very involved with school. I've been a varsity athlete for both sports since my freshman year, which both take a lot of dedication from both me and my parents, and they have been at every sporting event, even if they weren't required to be. Along with my academic life; they are at every academic awards assembly and have attended every school function that I have needed to be at. I have taken several AP classes the past two years and they've been supporting me and helping me with whatever they possibly could. They may not know the material, but they will literally do whatever is possible to help me and guide me in whatever direction they believe is right. My parents didn't attend college, so they didn't receive

the same material I'm getting in school, but nothing stops them from trying to assist me in any way possible.

I've become such a dedicated student and athlete from watching and learning from my parents and their ways. A lot of the students in my hometown don't really have the parents that are supportive of their education. A lot of the parents don't care and don't even bother to even try and help them, so to have the parents that I have, is just such a blessing. My parents have made my childhood and adolescent life a breeze with the support and love they offer to me.

Where I come from a lot of people don't make it out of town, once they have graduated; however, my parents have tried their hardest to make sure that I have the resources and that I have exactly what I need to go to college and make it through life. My parents are the two people who have shaped my life for the better. I would not be who I am today, without them. I would not have the courage to take my AP classes and continue to work my hardest in each of them without my parents' encouragement. They aren't only my parents. They're my mentors. Not all children can say that their parents are their mentors, because some children have parents who could really care less about their well-being or education. And that's exactly where my world differs from most students. My parents are my biggest motivators. They are the people who give me the strength and lessons to strive and accomplish whatever I put my mind to.

My world is also very different from most students from Lindsay, because I am doing everything in my power to get into a university. I am doing whatever it takes to ensure that my parents are able to say that they made it possible for me to finish high school and attend a four year university. My plan is to take everything they've taught me, whether its school related or not, and use it in everyday life.

My parents are the two people in my life, that I will forever be thanking for the support they have given me and the way they just believed in me and in what I could do with my life. Everything I do, is for them.