

## Why my education is valuable

Education is something a lot of Americans take for granted. In other countries they don't have the opportunities to do the things they want to with their lives because they don't have proper education. But here we should be thankful for the education we have and not waste the opportunities that come from it. School can not only give us essential knowledge of the world around us but can also give us valuable experiences that can shape our lives. With this knowledge I want to help the community progress and help other people around me. I also want to use this to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to others around me through love and kindness.

I have always been interested in biology specifically with animals. I have always tried to get classes that fuel this interest and look for animals for fun when I have time. I also volunteer at Camp Wilderndest wildlife rehabilitation group in Chattanooga. With a higher education I would like to become a zoologist of some kind, mainly thinking mostly about herpetology (study of reptiles and amphibians) or possibly freshwater biology. I am still considering other zoology fields like ornithology ,mammalogy ,etc. Wildlife conservation has been crucial in keeping countless species in America from going extinct. Although some animals have been completely wiped out or are critically endangered because of pollution ,over-hunting ,and habitat loss among many other reasons. Fortunately, here in America we have preserved wild areas and kept species from going extinct, even the American Alligator. Alligators were almost hunted to extinction in the 1950s and 1960s but laws were put in place to stop over-hunting. Now there are an estimated 1.3 million adult gators in Florida alone! In order to keep our great wild United States we need to continue to protect species and ecosystems from being destroyed in our backyards and neighborhoods. All in all God gave us this creation to love and take care of, and that is exactly what I want to do.