

MONROE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Stonebridge Women's Club

The Brenda Belgard Memorial Scholarship

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Please respond to the following question: After High School, how do you envision yourself as a leader, innovator, or in a supportive role contributing to the betterment of society? How would your personal skills help to create a clear difference?

After high school, I plan to attend a four year university and study environmental engineering. With my degree in environmental engineering, I plan to craft designs that provide green alternatives to everyday innovations. I will lead the movement towards sustainable company practices and reduced carbon emissions. I will do so by applying for a number of internships and programs that expand my knowledge on the subject and that give me the skills I need to succeed. I will use the skills I gained in the real-world, creating trailblazing innovations. I read an article about an assistant professor studying the compounds of concrete. He hopes to establish a substitute that will be better for the planet. I hope to meet said professor at University of Southern California and work with him on this groundbreaking research. I wish to be a leader spearheading in the research towards a more sustainable environment. I am determined to work with people like this assistant professor and conduct revolutionary research that will uncover new, beneficial solutions to our climate crisis. There are a number of schools that provide study abroad programs and with these programs I can see first hand the issues our planet faces and I can theorize solutions on sight. I will be an advocate and active fighter for the betterment of our climate. I will work to reverse the damage we have done. I am a determined, detail oriented student that knows how to manage her time. The climate issue is ongoing. It will be a fight that never ends. Therefore, these traits make it so that I will not stop until a clear difference is made. I will persevere through setbacks and struggles. I will pay attention to details and craft plans that help me achieve the funding needed to conduct research and solutions to see a difference in our climate situation. Just this year, my determination and focusing on details helped me acquire a \$10,000 grant for the school. I was able to further our school's efficiency and water sustainability by implementing refillable water bottle stations. I will continue this mindset, following schedules that keep me on task and successful. My focus will keep me working and because of that I am confident that by the time I graduate I will have made a difference. I will be able to reduce carbon emissions and pass environmental policy that restricts unsustainable company practices. I will emerge a leader and innovator in the search for green solutions.