

Pueblo City-County Library District

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Pueblo Girl Essay Contest



## Winning Stories 2018





Pueblo City-County Library District presents

# 2018 Pueblo Girl Essay Contest

Pueblo City-County Library District, in cooperation with the Friends of the Library, is pleased to announce the winners of the Pueblo Girl Essay Contest. Young ladies of Pueblo, in grades 3-5, were invited to write an essay about the woman they want to be and what they will do to become that woman. Entries were limited to 700 words or less. There were 120 entries this year. Winners received an American Girl doll, a booklet with all the winning entries and a certificate of recognition. Runners-up received an American Girl doll book, a booklet with all the winning entries and a certificate of recognition. All participants received a certificate of participation. The judges were Friends of the Library board members Doris Kester, Heather Smith and Sherry Wingo.

The contest was sponsored by Junior League of Pueblo, League of Women Voters-Pueblo and Pueblo Education Association.





# Contest Winners

## 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Winner	Porsha Nielsen	Swallows Charter Academy – Mrs. Medved
Runner-up	Kaydee Aranda	Colorado Online Digital Academy – Ms. Ginn
Runner-up	Taylor Bond	Swallows Charter Academy – Mrs. Medved
Runner-up	Gwendolyn Clark	Beulah Heights Elementary School – Ms. Arriaga
Runner-up	Sophia Clark	Desert Sage Elementary School – Mrs. Parsons
Runner-up	Keira Graham	Swallows Charter Academy – Mrs. Storm
Runner-up	Joie Patricia Johnson	Cedar Ridge Elementary School – Mrs Emond
Runner-up	Simona Rowell	Homeschool – Ms. Rowell
Runner-up	Audrey Schmitz	Belmont Elementary School – Mrs. Herrera
Runner-up	Natalie Skinner	Goodnight Elementary School – Mrs. Reneau
Runner-up	Emelia Valles	North Mesa Elementary School – Mrs. Giglio

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Winner	Angelina Trujillo	Sunset Park Elementary School – Mrs. Mattivi
Runner-up	Yaritzel Cardenas	Pueblo School for Arts and Sciences – Mrs. Potts
Runner-up	Emma Garcia-Hufford	Goodnight Elementary School – Mrs. Oreskovich
Runner-up	Sofia Frances Gonzales	Highland Park Elementary School – Ms. Arnold
Runner-up	Gianna Hanes	Goodnight Elementary School – Ms. Arrell
Runner-up	Aubrey Moore	South Mesa Elementary School –Mrs. Snell
Runner-up	Jaylei Pfeifer	Goodnight Elementary School –Mrs. Oreskovich
Runner-up	Trinity Stecker	Homeschool – Ms. Stecker
Runner-up	Zeniah Trujillo	Bessemer Academy – Mr. Seller
Runner-up	Kaili Vela	Goodnight Elementary School – Ms. Arrell
Runner-up	Macey Wyatt	Sunset Park Elementary School – Mrs. Mattivi

## 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Winner	Jubilee Orosco	Goodnight Elementary School – Mrs. Musso
Runner-up	Alexa Darnell	St. Therese Catholic School – Mrs. Wren
Runner-up	Presley Johnson	Cedar Ridge Elementary School – Mr. Buckallew
Runner-up	Zora Malone	Corwin International Magnet School – Mr. Hutchins
Runner-up	Rosalia Martinez	Beulah Heights Elementary School – Mrs. Clark
Runner-up	Bella Vetta	St. Therese Catholic School – Mrs. Wren





# Porsha Nielsen

## 3rd grade winner

When I grow up I want to be a scientist. I want to be a scientist because I want to come up with cures for diseases. My great grandpa has Alzheimer's and my great grandma passed away with Alzheimer's and it makes me sad. I think it would be wonderful if I could discover a cure for this disease.

To become the woman I want to be, I will study hard and get good grades in school. I will go to college and get a degree. I will work on different experiments until I can come up with a cure. I will not give up until I have accomplished my goal.

When I read the story of Alice Ball she made me want to become a scientist because she was the first African American

and the first woman to graduate from the University of Hawaii. She was a chemist who kept experimenting until she had amazing results in a medicine for leprosy. She died before she could publish her findings, but the people she worked for published them for her. These findings have been helping people ever since.

In conclusion, the woman I want to be is a successful scientist who discovers a cure for Alzheimer's. I feel that with some hard work I can reach my goal just like the scientist Alice Ball, which I admire for her hard work and dedication.



# Kaydee Aranda

## 3rd grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to be an inspiration to others to be kind and brave. I want to help people to learn how to stand up to bullies and not feel bad about themselves. To do this, I want to go to Hollywood to be in movies and sing. I want to be a famous singer!

I will be friendly and give out autographs and gifts to my fans. I'm going to be kind to everyone and teach others to be too. I will show people how to accept themselves and others for who they truly are.

I'm going to become the woman that I want to be by working hard to finish school and raising the money I need to go to college to study Performing Arts and Music. Soon I hope to be able to spend a summer studying at The School of Rock in Boulder.

This summer, though, I plan to run a lemonade stand and help neighbors with odd jobs to start collecting the money I will need to get to do my classes.

It will take a lot of practice, but I love to sing and act every day! My friends and I like to make up plays and songs to perform for our neighbors. Every chance we get we are



working on something new. We always try to come up with a message of kindness in our work.

One time, we sang a song and some people walking by stopped to listen. When we were done, they all clapped and cheered for me and my friend! It was such an amazing feeling! And I can't wait to feel it over and over again in the future as I spread my words of kindness.

# Taylor Bond

## 3rd grade runner-up

Hello my name is Taylor Bond. Today I will tell you what I want to be when I grow up. When I grow up I want to be a firefighter. I want to be a firefighter like my daddy, who inspires me. I like that I will be able to help so many people and can make a difference in their lives. One way I will try to become a firefighter is I will and go to college and get my Masters Degree in Fire Science. Next I will go to fire fighters training academy. I will keep myself in excellent shape, since being a firefighter is a physical job. I will also apply for jobs at different fire houses. Most of all I would like to work at Pueblo Rural Fire Department with my dad. Those are some ways I will try to become a firefighter. And I know this is short but lots of things in life are.





# Gwendolyn Clark

## 3rd grade runner-up

Hello, my name is Gwendolyn Clark. I am a nine year old girl in third grade. I love to be active, and practice sports; especially gymnastics! Another thing I love to do is art. I also care about people and helping charities. I am most interested in helping charities involving people with cancer. Many people die of cancer each year and I would feel bad if I died from cancer.

This is what I will do for my life: When I grow up I'm going to continue practicing gymnastics. I will try my best. I'm nine years old and I have been practicing gymnastics for eight years. I will try to be in the Olympics. I will be confident and believe in myself. I would work out all day. I will run races to win money for charity. I will help kids with cancer, and I will give healthy foods to charity. I will make and buy clothes for charity too. Most of all I will work towards that.

For Christmas I got a Bob Ross painting video and some painting supplies. I have been practicing painting skies. I've

always had a natural talent for art. I will practice art all year. I will practice now. I will go to art class, and use my best techniques. I will practice super hard.

These are my goals in life. I've been getting good grades, and I want to continue getting good grades all throughout my life. For twelve quarters I've met my AR goal at school. I can read fourth grade level books. I would like to not have a hard time and get super good at math and social studies. I've been in the school talent show three times, I am part of the school's art club, and I just got picked for the science fair. I know I can make all this happen if I am confident, brave, and believe in myself.



# Sophia Clark

## 3rd grade runner-up

The woman I want to become will be good. I want to be generous, kind, and honest. I will examine myself every day to see if my actions reflect my goals. I will hopefully find a husband and have children. If I want to have children, I will need to have a house. My goal is to use the empty lot by my current home to build a house on for my future family. I don't know how big of a house but I would like to have lots of rooms so all of my family can visit us.

Part of the plan is to make money. Money unfortunately is what is needed to get all of the things needed in the world. To make this happen, I will need to find a career. I want to be a nurse. I want to be a nurse because my grandma is a nurse and nurses help people. I will become a nurse by going to college for a four year RN program. I hope to attend school at UCCS or CSU Pueblo. I will work hard in elementary, middle, and high school so I can get into college. My parents will help me pay for college some but also I will need to get a job and save some money because school is expensive. I will apply and hopefully get scholarships to help as well.



I want to become the best mother ever. Kids are little silly monsters that make me happy, sad, mad and crazy sometimes, but make the world more fun. I know this because I am a big sister to a three year old and a one year old and to a brother that is eleven but acts like he is five. I want to have kids because they will let me experience love. Love is a weird thing. It is something that makes my mom smile, and even cry. But if she cries, it's not in sadness but in happiness... yes, weird. It seems pretty neat though. The other good thing about having kids is that when you are really old, they can help you get around when you can't walk.

Problems can happen that make dreams not come true. These problems can be a lot. They come in choices is what my parents tell me. The choices that I make. There are good choices and there are bad choices too. I don't think I will make bad choices, but my parents remind me that all people can make bad choices. Sort of like when I get in trouble. I will try to keep at my goals so the goals happen sooner. Doing drugs, being sad and being angry all of the time are some of the choices that will make it harder to be the woman I want to be. You have to protect your dreams. The woman I want to become will be happy, will love, will help others and will try each day to make other people smile.

# Keira Graham

## 3rd grade runner-up

Each American Girl has her own character being a singer, a dancer, a waitress or a swimmer. American Girl dolls teach us that whatever we want to achieve in life, we should go for it! We don't just have to play with dolls we can be what we want to be! The woman I would like to become when I grow up is a strong, independent leader. To become that woman I know I may face a few obstacles. I also know I can do it! I want to teach other girls that we can do anything we put our minds too. If we want to build a house, we can! If we want to become President we can! I don't want any girl to be defined by that, being a girl! I want to empower all women and girls to stand up

for themselves, to be leaders and to not be afraid of anything. Thank you for this opportunity!



# Joie Patricia Johnson

## 3rd grade runner-up

When I grow up, here's the kind of woman I want to be: caring, loving, helpful, thoughtful, generous, brave, daring, and smart.

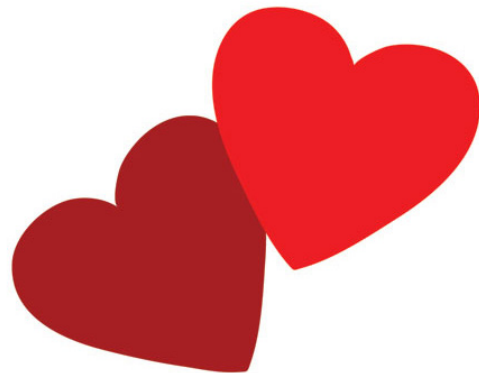
The most important thing is to be loving and caring because other people's feelings matter. I need to be kind to everyone because I never know if their feelings are delicate or strong, but I do know that everyone remembers how you treat them. I will show that I'm loving and caring by being patient, understanding and gentle. I will give my kindness and love to my family and friends and to my students because I dream of being a Kindergarten teacher! I will always try to make others feel special. I also love to give gifts because I like to see how excited people get and that makes me happy!

A good person like me is helpful, thoughtful, and generous. I will give my time, talents, and money to things that are important to me. I will help at my church by singing and putting up decorations. I will help the poor by donating food, money, and clothing, and I will help in the soup kitchen. I could volunteer at the animal rescue center and I could support our veterans by having an American flag in my front yard all day, every day.

I will need to be brave, daring and smart to accomplish my goals and pursue my dreams. I need to be daring so I can

try new things. Actually, I would really like to be a mermaid/ pirate, but it will still be an adventure to be a teacher because every day I could be creative and have fun! If a teacher doesn't work out, maybe I could be a chef or a scientist. Sometimes it takes bravery to be honest and do the right thing. Even though it's important to be nice, I need to be smart enough to stand up for myself.

Friends and family are what make our world fun. Even if I can't change the whole world, I can change the world around me by just being me.



# Simona Rowell

## 3rd grade runner-up

My name is Simona Rowell. I am only 9 years old. I live in Pueblo, Colorado with my mom, my dad, my five brothers and sisters and one sibling on the way. I am home schooled but I go to an enrichment program once a week. I enjoy doing things like: drawing, painting, reading, and writing.

When I grow up I hope I can be a woman who is cheerful because if I am cheerful it will help others around me to be cheerful. I want to be a woman who will never ever give up because if I keep working at a goal and not give up I know I will accomplish that goal. I want to be a woman who will be grateful for what she has and not jealous of others because this helps with being happy. I want to be a woman who will try to help others because that is always the right thing to do.

# Audrey Schmitz

## 3rd grade runner-up

My name is Audrey Schmitz and I am 8 years old. I have always known that when I grow up, I want to be a cardiovascular surgeon. I want to be the type of woman who is brilliant, strong, hardworking, and kind. I want to save lives and help people when they are sick and suffering. I got my caring personality from my mom, who always cares for my two brothers and me and always volunteers to help everyone. She is the best example of a smart and amazing woman! When I am older, I also want to be an example to girls that being smart is awesome and that always trying your hardest can lead to a wonderful life.

In order to become a cardiovascular surgeon, it's important to get a good education. Even though I'm only in 3rd grade, I go to school every day with a positive attitude and a goal to be the very best I can be. Earning straight A's gives me pride and motivation to keep working hard. I promise to continue earning straight A's and to always do my homework. After I finish elementary school, middle school, and high school, I want to go to Harvard and get a science degree. Then I will attend medical school to learn how to become a surgeon. I want to work in a hospital where I will use my knowledge to fix people who have had heart attacks and others who have bad heart conditions.

It is important for me to become a surgeon because it makes me sad when people are sick and need help. In my community, there are a lot of people without proper medical care, and I know I can do something to fix that. Just because some people don't have a lot of money, they should still get help to become healthy. I will help those in need when I am a surgeon, even if they can't afford it. I will always try to remember to help the less fortunate. I think that would help my town a lot. I

Last I want to be a woman who will always try her best because it will help me to like things that I may not want to do.

When I grow up I want to be a missionary to Africa so I can teach about Jesus Christ, through art, to little kids. I also want to be a mother with eight kids. I hope to have many adventures with my kids in Africa like seeing wild elephants or maybe even a herd of wild zebra! I know in my heart that if I work hard, pray, never give up and believe I can get there!



would also like to work with babies who are born with bad hearts because it would feel extra special to give them a new chance at life.

Sometimes I think about how hard it will be to get into Harvard and all of the work it will take to become a doctor, but I know I can do it and I will never give up on my dream. My parents always tell me that hard work pays off and I believe it. Every time I've ever had to work hard to achieve something, it was totally worth it in the end! Whether it's a ballet recital, earning the top reader certificate at my school, or completing a really hard science project, I can't think of anything better than setting a huge goal and then achieving it. It just takes focus and determination, and I can conquer anything!

Finally, I want to inspire girls to become surgeons because I don't think there are enough of them now. I also want to show girls that you can have a huge career, like being a doctor, and also have a family. If more girls saw that, I think there would be more women in science jobs. It just takes bravery, persistence, and hard work to accomplish a dream, and I know I have all of these qualities. I will continue on my path to becoming a doctor, and someday I hope I can teach my own children to dream big too. When I'm all grown up, I will be a great example to others, just like my mom is to me!





# Natalie Skinner

## 3rd grade runner-up

I want to be a writer when I grow up, but I have to practice and learn. First, I have to practice my writing. I am pretty good at writing but I am not the best I can be. Second, paying attention and learning. I pay attention but I talk a lot. Last, learning to spell all words. I don't know how to spell all words because I am still pretty young. Clearly, I want to be a writer but it is going to take some work before I become a writer.



# Emelia Valles

## 3rd grade runner-up

Hello, my name is Emelia and I am eight years old and I am in third grade at North Mesa Elementary School. When I'm not in school I am a Girl Scout. I enjoy being a Girl Scout because you have to be caring and kind. I am also a softball player. When you are playing softball you have to be strong and brave. So that was a little bit about myself. To be the best person I can be I am going to work hard.

To be a better person I am going to work hard in school. I will do that by paying attention in my classes.

Another way I am going to work hard in school is by studying a lot. I am going to reach my future job by going to college for many years.

I always wanted to be a nurse when I grow up. I want to be a nurse when I grow up because I can help a lot of people by taking care of them. I think being a nurse is going to be an interesting job. I want to be a registered nurse who works with kids. I got this idea from my family. Most of them were in the medical field. I am going to be very caring and show compassion. And I am going to find an excellent hospital to work in. I like taking care of people because I think everyone should be happy and healthy. I'll accept any job in the hospital as long as I am going to help people live. I am going to study hard. I am going to pay attention in class and help as many people as I can. It's all because I think everyone should live a long and happy life.

That was a little bit about me the woman I want to be and what I will do to become that woman. By working hard in school and being a great nurse I will achieve my goal.



# Angelina Trujillo

4th grade winner

The woman I want to become is an artist and a person who makes a difference. What I will do to become that woman is to be an inspiration.

As an artist I want to express myself and my sense of style. Then I will teach other people to express themselves through art. I also want to show kids to see the beauty in the world around them.

I want to make a difference in the world by encouraging others to dream big and realize they can accomplish their goals. To do this I will give free art classes to those who

can't afford them. I will hold auctions for donations to assist the homeless.

What I will do to become this woman is lead my life with hard work and goals to meet my dreams. I will continue to be kind to others and be patient with those around me. I promise myself to learn from my mistakes. This is the woman I want to become.





# Yaritzel Cardenas

## 4th grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to be an explorer. Why I want to be an explorer is so I can help find plants to stop diseases. I would like to find animals as well. Animals and plants are two things explorers find. Explorers go around the world. They go to forests and deserts and wet places to explore. Exploring is a big job.

How I will become an explorer is to get straight A's in school. Also go to a college that can help me get the skills to become an explorer. The college that I want to go to is a college that has lots of explorer education. In college I hope to have great teachers to guide me to get the explorer's skills.

Explorers help the community find plants that cure diseases. They find new plants to cure sickness to make families happy again once loved ones are cured.

To me becoming an explorer is my dream as I will find many different plants to hopefully cure diseases. I will explore the whole world to meet different people from different cultures and find out things on healing loved ones.



# Emma Garcia-Hufford

## 4th grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to be a mother. I also want to get a college education. I want to be like my mom. I would love to be a mother of two to three. I would like to have twins.

The most important thing to me is getting a college education. I want to get a college education because my real dad never went to college. He went downhill from there. The college I am interested in is New York University. I want to go there because I want to live in New York. Second, I

want to explore New York before living there. Last, I am interested in this school. I want to become a singer.

The second most important thing to me is to become a mom. I want to adopt one child. If I can, then I want to have a child. If I have a boy I will name him by what he looks like and the same goes for the girl. I hope my mom and my dad will help take care of my child or children.

The last thing I want is to be a wife. I want to have a caring, loving, good husband. I want him to be nice and not mean to me. I say this because my mom got married and divorced. She was abused and tormented my whole baby life.

When I grow up I want to have a great life with my family. I want to go to college at the New York University. I am also interested in becoming a mother. I want to adopt also. I hope I can achieve my dreams.



# Sofia Frances Gonzales

4th grade runner-up



The woman I will become will not judge by how people look but by the act of their character. I will always see the good in others. A good woman teaches right from wrong. A good lady would know what to do in case of an emergency.

# Gianna Hanes

4th grade runner-up

I want to become a doctor. In order to become a doctor I need to be healthy, have a good education and a great attitude.

To begin with, one quality to become a doctor is I must be healthy. I will eat veggies, fruit and plenty of protein. I will also workout and go to the gym.

Next, I plan on getting a great education. For high school I plan on going to either South High School or Central High School. While I am in high school I will try to get a few college courses out of the way. For college I will go to California or stay in Colorado. I also must get accepted into medical school.

Last, I need to have a great attitude. When people say I can't do it I will not listen to them because I will always believe in myself. I think when I am happy my patients will feel happy.

She would be a great role model. I would not hate other people but I would still be kind to them and treat them the way I want to be treated. I would give to others by donating the things they need most and don't have. I would follow the law. I will show others how to follow rules. Another thing I will do is become an outstanding teacher at the school I decide to teach at. Also I would help students prepare to get a great career and get their grades up in school. One part of my goal would be to help them get the job they want and do what they want to do when they get older. The thing I would want most is to have fun doing this and to live the life I want.

To become this woman, I would continue to do really well in school to have this rewarding career. I want to continue to be recognized as a good citizen at school. Doing well in all subjects will help me reach my career goals.

I would follow a great role model like my mother who is a teacher and who teaches right from wrong. My mom is the woman who I would like to grow up to be like. I would follow in her footsteps because she guides me how to act, listens to how I am feeling and makes me feel loved. She is a woman of great character and teaches me to make good decisions like she does. The best thing is to show responsibility and have laughter and that I'm caring of others. This is the woman I dream to become.

In order to become a doctor I need to be healthy, have a good education and a great attitude.





# Aubrey Moore

## 4th grade runner-up

When I was in 2nd grade I went to Cape Canaveral and ever since, I have wanted to be an astronaut! I got to touch a piece of the moon that astronauts brought back with them. I really liked seeing all the space ships. I got to hear the recording when the first man walked on the moon. I got to see the space- shuttle Atlantis. I got to sit inside a cockpit and press all the buttons! I got to hear the vision for the future of NASA. Their goal is to go to Mars by 2030. I want to be a part of that mission!

To begin, I work hard in all areas of school whether I am good or bad in that area.

This is a great trait if you want to be an astronaut. Astronauts have to work very hard. There are three paths to become an astronaut you can be a pilot, a teacher in math, science or engineering, or be a member of the military. If I continue to work hard in school I could go into any of those three. I'm a great reader, and that is a fact. I have 329 points in AR for the school year and 229 for this quarter. I'm in advanced math but I am not the best math student. I do my best. I even have a tutor who helps me when I struggle with a concept.

Science is one of my favorite subjects. We just finished the space section of our science term. I loved it and I got 100% on my planet project and presentation. I especially enjoy robotics. I plan to build a robot for my spring science fair. I also enjoy coding. I believe all these skills and hard work could be put to good use in space.

To be an astronaut you also have to be healthy, and I am just that. I am a very healthy eater. My favorite vegetable is broccoli. I also eat potatoes, cauliflower, green beans, okra, peas, onion, and sweet potatoes. Astronauts cannot be too picky. Their food is prepared on earth and sent with them on their mission. "There are no freezers on the ISS," [International Space Station] so food has to be stored carefully to prevent spoilage. Items are freeze-dried on Earth then rehydrated in space," (<https://www.cnn.com/2015/02>

[/04/tech/nasa-diet-space-food/index.html](https://www.cnn.com/2015/02/04/tech/nasa-diet-space-food/index.html)). I may have a little more work to do, in expanding my palate for space.

Health for astronauts also means having a very fit body. I have found lots of fun ways to be active. I like snow skiing, wakeboarding, water skiing, tennis, golf, and swimming. I cannot do those in space, but having a high fitness level is required to go to space. Astronauts have to be fit because space is hard on your heart, bones, and immune system.

Last but not least, an astronaut should be a good role model. A role model should have a good attitude and be able to show others that your size does not matter, it is what is in your heart that counts. An astronaut needs to be brave and face the unknown.

Astronauts get to show others that we can do anything. An astronaut should be a good team member. It would be a dream to get to have a whole team working with me to help me reach my goals!

Anne C. McClain joined the astronaut training program in 2013 her advice is this:

"Try to get to the top of your field, but in doing so, don't think so much about what you're accomplishing, but how you accomplish it. Be a good team member. Be a good leader. Be a good follower. Be somebody that if you are selected, people around you are proud. Never take advantage of somebody else in order to get ahead," (<https://www.space.com/22469-nasa-astronaut-application-details.htm>).

I will follow Anne's advice and continue doing my best. This is what I believe are some of the most important characteristics an astronaut should have. I am going to pursue all these things to reach my goal of being an astronaut!



## Jaylei Pfeifer

### 4th grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to achieve my dreams of becoming a nurse. First I want to go to college for nursing and I want to help little kids and babies. The college I want to go to is Duke, but that's a really hard school go to.

My second dream school is going to CSU-Pueblo. That's a really hard school to go to. I want go to the military. You would need to go to boot camp. One of my cousins went to boot camp. He was the only one who didn't get his bed tipped over and you have to go through a lot of training.

My other goal is having a family. I want to be married at age 26. Then I want to adopt a girl and a boy and live in nice house in Dallas, Texas then probably move to Los Angeles for a while. In Los Angeles I want a big mansion and vacation to Hawaii and on holidays travel back to Pueblo to see family.

When I was little my mom and dad used to fight a lot. One day they had a huge fight and my dad left us. The one thing that makes my mom inspire me is that she has two jobs and takes care of me and my brother Jaydon. My grandma helps my mom take care of us. My second person who inspires

me the most is my grandpa. He makes us laugh a lot. He's been working since he's been working. His dad left him when he was little. He was in the Army too. He likes talking about the past same like my grandma.

When I grow up I want to achieve many things when I get older but I know I need to get really good grades. The one school I want to go to is Duke. The reason why I want Duke is because I want to be a nurse for kids and babies. I want to get married to the boy who is kind and sweet. I want to adopt 1-2 kids.

The one who truly inspires me is my mom. She has two jobs to provide for me and my brother. The second is my grandpa. He's super funny and a really good storyteller and his job is to provide for the family.



## Trinity Stecker

### 4th grade runner-up

Sometimes I think about what I want to be when I grow up. For me that means not only what I will do for my career, but also the kind of person I want to be. When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian, I also want to be a kind and caring person.

I think veterinarians are important because not everyone knows how to take care of animals like a veterinarian does. They help us keep our pets healthy. I want to be a veterinarian because I like animals and I think without them, animals might not live as long as they do. The ways I can work towards becoming a veterinarian is by loving animals and studying carefully so that I can go to college. I need to go to college so I can learn about how to be a veterinarian.

I also want to be a kind and caring person. I think it is important to be a kind and caring person to help you get along better with other people. I can work on this right now by helping my mom and dad with chores. I can also talk nicely to my brothers and play with my brothers. I can play with my friends and ask to use their toys.

Every now and then I think about the goals I want to accomplish when I grow up. I think goals are important because they will help keep you focused with things you want to do and what you want to be in life.

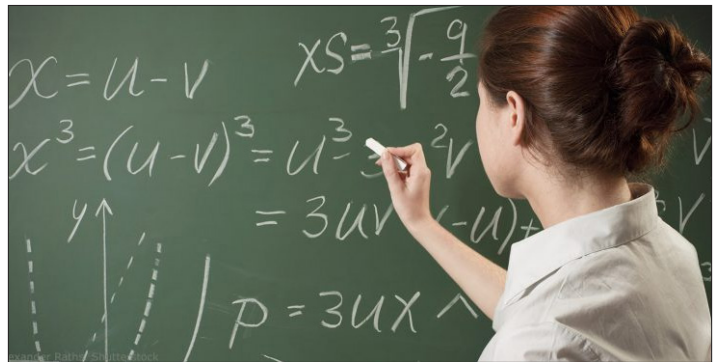


# Zeniah Trujillo

## 4th grade runner-up

Hello my name is Zeniah. What I want to be when I grow up is a teacher, not just a teacher but a math teacher! The first reason why I want to be a math teacher is because I like math. I'm really good at it. The second reason why I want to be a math teacher is because I like to help people. The third reason why I want to be a math teacher is because I think I am good at it. I have all A's in math and I'm joining a math club after school. What I will do to become that math teacher is I want to be a respectable teacher and be respected if I am not respected I will gain respect because with my teacher I didn't like him but now I do so he gained my respect. So if he could do it, I could and I will be the best I can be. If I do not become a math teacher I will try to become a tutor. If I do end up becoming a tutor I will do my best to keep that job, if I don't keep the job I really want to be a math teacher. The second thing I will do to become a math teacher is go to college as long as I have to because I don't want to give up my dream. I also want to become a respected leading

citizen because I like being a leader and not being guided by people who break the law because those people can get you in trouble where you could get a ticket and not get the dream job you wanted. The most important reason why I want to be a math teacher or just a teacher is because even though you don't get that much money, I just enjoy everything that is around me like my friends. In the future I will have students and I hope they will enjoy the time being in my classroom. I will help the kids so when they are older they could be the best they can be and get their dream job.



# Kaili Vela

## 4th grade runner-up

When I grow older I want to become a cop. I'm going to get there by having a good attitude and doing well in school. I'm also going to believe in myself.

To begin with I am going to have the best attitude by having control of temper and have confidence.

Last, I need to decide what college I am going to be in. There I will get a job at a fast food place or something else to have money so I am not broke.

Also, I plan to get in college and you need to get good reports by not missing a lot of school. It is important to stay in school.

Then when I'm in college I need to stay out of trouble. Like do not do drugs and do not mess around and no drama.

These are my steps of being a cop. In a couple of years you better watch out because I am going to be on the streets.





# Macey Wyatt

## 4th grade runner-up

Marching in front of the Pueblo Courthouse was not part of our normal Saturday routine. Last week my mother took me to the courthouse to march. Driving to the march, I asked my mother why we were going. She smiled at me and answered, “For immigrant children to have the opportunity to live the American Dream, to support and continue to fight for women’s rights and to support me as a future American Woman.” Of course, I argued, “but mom women already got us the right to vote and look you went to college and work.” She just smiled and said come on Ms. Macey.

Who is the woman I want to be? I want to be a woman like my mom. She is nice, caring, and I admire her. My mom is also crazy and funny.

My goal is to graduate from college, become an entrepreneur, and have a successful business. Now as a young girl, I plan to continue to do well in school and help others. I really enjoy reading non-fiction. I want to learn as much as I can about the history of women’s rights for example, how they got their right to do things like men such as vote. I try to learn about my mom and her job because I try to be like her because she is a great person. She has a good job, and is amazing at it. What I am going to do to become

her is have wonderful grades, graduate from college, have a fantastic career, and be a strong and proud woman.

In school, I want to be a leader by helping people when they need help and by being a good student. School is a place to learn, get an education, and have fun. Being in school helps me be who I want to be. Learning about history, helps people to improvise and solve problems in the future. If I look back at the great women leaders of the past, it can help me to be a great leader in the future.

No matter what I become, I want to be a person that helps others. When people need a friend, I am their friend. I enjoy doing things in the community like helping the elderly, attending the Pueblo Peace Flotilla, and giving food to the mission. Being a part of the community, is the kind of girl I am and the woman I want to become!

I spend time with family. I know my grandparents and great grandparents very well. I know how hard they worked to be in this great country so that someday I could reach my dreams.

As you can see, I am going to do all of these things like my mom.



# Jubilee Orosco

## 5th grade winner

There are lots of things to be, but you can only choose one! I would like to be a teacher...why?

First of all, it's the most awesome job ever! You would get to read, write and teach all day! When I'm a teacher I will read to my class every day. And also, my class will have weekly prompts, like my teacher has! They will write a paragraph every week. I'm sure they'll enjoy it!

Secondly, if my students behave well, I might let them have an extra recess on Fridays. Also I will be a fun teacher who gets messy and has fun! We will do all sorts of things

like crafts and projects. But, of course you have to work for it.

All things don't come easy. To teach, I will need to go to college for my Bachelor's degree and my Elementary Education degree. I will need to go to lots of classes. And have to do lots of work. But soon it'll all pay off!

I really hope that someday I will become a teacher. And I hope my students will learn from me, and will like to learn with me. I really think I will like teaching. I think I will feel confident, brave and beautiful in my own skin. It's not the woman I can be, it's the best woman I can be!



# Alexa Darnell

## 5th grade runner-up

When I grow up I want to be a loving, caring and working mother. I hope I am good at that.

The first step I will do is get a great education. That way I will be smart. The second step is to get a good paying job so I can take care of the bills and other things. Third, I will get a wonderful and loving husband. Then I will get a big tough home. That way I can raise a family. Finally, I will have a child.

I will take care of my child. If my kid is sick, I will take off and take my kid to the doctor. I will make sure my child is active but can have his/her lousy days. I want to be the best I can be for my child. Treat him/her very good. I will probably get a pet so my child can play with it. My child will grow up with their pet the same way I got to. Hopefully, he/she will be able to follow in my foot steps and get a wonderful education as I did, and maybe someday they will be a great parent too.



# Presley Johnson

## 5th grade runner-up

I have big dreams for who I want to be. Sometimes I want to do something but have no idea how to accomplish it! I want to be a role model not only for girls but maybe for boys, too. I hope that in the future, the world will be a peaceful place with no wars or famine and maybe I can help make the world an even more wonderful place.

First, I will be loyal to my country. America is the greatest country in the world. Americans are strong, and I will be a strong and patriotic woman. I want to defend our rights. We may live in a free country, but there are things that we could improve. Maybe I will study law and make a mark righting wrongs. And even though I hope there will be no more fighting, I still have dreamed many nights about joining the Air Force. In the Air Force, I wanted to fly fighter jets, but then I read a book about the Triple Nickels, America's First Black Paratroopers. They inspired me, and I want to be like them. Not long after I read that book, I had a vivid dream that I was the first 10-year-old girl to jump out of an aircraft. I was a hero! I loved the feeling, so I am going to catch this dream and work hard until I graduate school. My smarts might allow me to be an American paratrooper.

Next, I want to be a loving wife and a patient mother. I want to have kids of my own, but I also want to adopt

children. It makes me sad that some kids don't have parents. Even if I'm not their biological mother, all my children will have my love and a lifelong family. What I think is important about parenting is patience. I want my kids to know when they do something wrong, but I also want to help them learn how to fix their mistakes. I know in the past I've done wrong, and I had to learn that there isn't always an easy way out. I will be there when my kids learn that lesson, too.

Also, I will be a smart and intelligent woman. I love trees and flowers, so I will be a botanist. I also have an interest in fish, especially a tiny eel called the Taeniconger hassi. My family says I would make a great marine biologist, and I agree, so maybe that's what I'll study! My mom says I have a talent for the arts; I've been writing and illustrating stories and poems since kindergarten. I would like to be an author, an illustrator and a poet. No matter what dream job I do, I will have to study hard, stick with things even when they get tough, and have confidence in myself.

Plus, I will be a very active woman. I have a wish to be in the WNBA because I love basketball, but I also like to swim, golf, and camp. I love to play games, and I always challenge myself but also have fun. Being an active woman



will help me be healthy, enjoy myself, and have a lifetime of adventures!

Last and most important to me, I want to be the most caring person I can be. My great grandmother died from Alzheimer's disease, so I want to help raise money for this cause, and maybe someday no other family will go through the heartbreak that my family did. But I can be caring and compassionate with people and animals every day, in big ways and small. I can lend a hand to others, listen to them, or even pray for them.

Like I have demonstrated, I have big dreams for the future, and I hope they will all come true. I also hope I'll have enough time to do it all! This is the woman I want to be when I grow up. I want to be Presley Sharon Johnson.



## Zora Malone

### 5th grade runner-up

Do you know what your future will hold? Well, I, Zora Malone, want to tell you about the kind of woman I will be, and the steps I will take to become that woman. From this essay you will learn that I plan to be a woman who will change the world for the better. I will be a kind and well-educated woman, and the best version of myself. Before I tell you more about the woman I want to be, I need to let you know that my plans will affect your future as well. Why you might ask? The woman that I want to be will be a positive effect on the common good, which will affect you just much as it will affect me. To shape my future I will use the International Baccalaureate profile to become a woman who changes the world for the better. My future self will be principled, caring, open-minded, knowledgeable and perhaps most importantly, I will be a lifelong learner. In the future I will be a woman who is responsible, reliable, and committed to positively impacting our future.

An important part of my future is education. After graduating high school, I will attend Spelman College, in Atlanta, Georgia, like my mother. I plan to study chemistry or another field of science. My future plans include enrolling in graduate school to study chemistry. I am undecided on which graduate school I will attend. Earning a great education is extremely important to my future because I want to have career choices. I will also be a lifelong learner so that I can have a vast knowledge of everything.

As a woman I will be kind and caring, and treat people how I want to be treated. I want to be a role model. I will be a woman of character who reaches her goals, and accepts responsibility for myself and others. I will be an honest and trustworthy leader. I will be a woman who gives back to her

community, and show people I appreciate what they have done for me. While thinking about my future for this essay I envision myself as a woman who is confident and has pride in everything she does.



There are many great women in my life, so I want to follow in their footsteps. The women in my family take care of the people that they love, they also want the best for their loved ones. Women in my family are committed and determined to accomplish their goals. Every day I am inspired by these women to try my best, and to have confidence in myself. Another reason why I want to be like the women in my family is because they are kind, loving, wise, and they support me in everything I do. Two other reasons why I want to be like the women in my life are because they want me to be myself and to love myself. I want to follow the footsteps of the women in my life because they have compassion. That is why I want to be a woman like the women in my family.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to think about the kind of woman I plan to become. Now you know what I have in store for my future, and with support and time I will transform into that woman. Even though there might be changes to my future, I will always try to reach my main goal of changing the world for better. Yes, there will be obstacles but I will not let them stop me from being the woman I want to be. No matter what, I want to be the best version of myself.

# Rosalia Martinez

## 5th grade runner-up

Hi, my name is Rosalia. I'm in fifth grade. I'm ten years old and I go to Beulah Heights Elementary School. When I grow up I want to be an artist. I love to draw, paint, and be active with my art. Those are some reasons I want to be an artist. There are certain things I am going to do to make it happen. The first thing I am going to do is to continue to get good grades. These grades are very good on my report card. My current grades are:

Reading-B

Math-A

Writing-A

Science-A

Social Studies-A

Listening and Speaking-A

These are my grades and when I go to middle school

I think this will help make my dream come true. I also plan on going to college for four years just to make that dream come true. When I go to middle school I want to join the art program and I will never stop drawing. I am very good at imagining things to draw. When I draw it doesn't just come from my head, it comes from my heart and sometimes that's what I do some days when I'm alone; I draw or paint. These are my reasons that I want to be an artist and how to make that happen. I love art!



# Bella Veta

## 5th grade runner-up

When I grow up, I would like to become a nurse and a mother. To become a nurse there are many steps I have to take, including many years of college, getting into a nursing program and lots of training.

The first step is going to college and getting a bachelor's degree. After that I have to go to nursing school for at least two years. College is very hard work and so is becoming a nurse. When you go to college, there is constant studying, testing and lessons.

I either want to be a Labor and Delivery nurse which is a nurse that works with the new-born babies, and the people who are pregnant, or a Neonatal nurse, who just works with newborns.

As I mentioned before, I also want to be a mom. Taking care of children is hard work, but I love little babies and taking care of people! Being a mom is not

easy work, you have to take care of the children, make sure they get the proper nutrients, watch they don't get hurt, and most of the time work as well. Since I do love children I would like at least two. I also would love to have twins.

In the end, I hope to become a nurse and mother! After all the steps in college and nurse training. I cannot wait to become a nurse!





