

Hezekiah Brady Jr Scholarship Biological Essay

My name is Kentrice James and I have been a Craft Scholarship recipient since my freshman year of college at The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, this fall academic year of 2025 I will be a rising Junior at the University: and I am applying for the HBJ scholarship.

I grew up in Pembroke, Township living with my mother (Tsenrae McCain) and my twin sister (Kenice James), where I graduated from St. Anne Community High School. During my childhood and upbringing I have always had family to lead me in the right direction and encourage me to never settle and while always looking for more opportunity and knowledge.

My decision to attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff came from a STEM summer program that I attended at the University before my freshman year. I heard about the program because of (Dr, Patricia Polk) of Kankakee, Illinois. The program helped me to decide to pursue a major in the STEM field which is Industrial Technology Management and Applied Engineering. During my two year time period attending the University I have been a part of National Society of Black Engineers, National Society of Leadership and Success, and Science Technology Engineering and mathematics program.

I plan to get more involved at my University during my upcoming junior year. I recently submitted an application to be a part of the Student Government Association (SGA) as a class senator. I also plan to become a part of Essence of a Woman at the University. I also submitted an application to become a part of the Youth Motivational Task Force (YMTF).

I plan to pursue a career in Project management. After completing my bachelors degree in science from the university, I also will get my certifications in “Scrum master” and “Professional in project management”. I choose that career because the idea of being a project manager and taking on those responsibilities is what I am eager to do. Project management is the discipline of planning, executing, and overseeing projects to achieve specific goals within defined constraints, such as time, budget, and resources. It contains a range of processes and methodologies designed to ensure that projects are completed successfully and efficiently. Being able to lead a team of people to complete a project successfully is the goal. I plan to achieve these goals by hard work, dedication, certifications, community service hours, and utilizing my career office support at my university.

To actively engage with Craft upon graduation I plan on recruiting other college students that might need the resources craft has to offer such

as: Mentors, scholarships, faith, and guidance. I also plan on taking Ms Gloria Hamilton up on the offer to speak to the children at the Pembroke schools to help them make the decision to further their education past highschool.

I have been involved in my community here at home. I was Miss 2024 Kankakee Juneteenth and I participated in Kankakee and Bourbonnais friendship festivals. I also participated in a fashion show at the quality inn in Kankakee for Dr. Patricia Polk as community service hours. When I am away from home and at the University I have participated in a canned food and clothes donation. I also volunteer for Neighbor to Neighbor which is an opportunity to help feed people in need.

To the Craft organization and the Hezekiah Brady family I appreciate you taking the time to review my essay not only for the scholarship, but also for getting to know me as a woman that you have helped put through college and have great guidance along the way: Thank you.

Kentrice James