

Who Inspires Me

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One of the most inspiring women in my life is my sister, Tiara Perkins. She is my older and only sister. She is a freshman at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. She wants to become a neo-natal nurse. Her being in college inspires me because it shows that she is hardworking, smart, independent, and has instilled in me the value of going to college.

In order to be successful in life you have to work hard. When my sister was in high school she had a lot of responsibilities but she worked hard and never gave up. In addition to completing her assignments, she was a cheerleader, she volunteered at Trinity Hospital and she worked at Walgreens. She also picked me up from school and even helped out my cheerleading team at times. If she missed an assignment, she worked really hard to get it completed or do extra credit. Her determination motivated me to work hard and never give up.

In addition to being a hard worker, my sister is also smart. Not only did she make it to college but she actually got accepted to four colleges. She was accepted at Chicago State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Upper Iowa University, and Southern Illinois University. She chose to go to Southern Illinois University after she went on a college tour to see the school. When she was in high school she got good grades and was also very active in school. She helped to raise money for uniforms for her cheerleading team, she also helped out at school events as a member of ROTC.

Finally, my sister's independence inspires me. She does things on her

own. She went away to college and is doing good. When she was in high school, she woke up on her own, made herself breakfast, and drove herself to school every day. Also, she made good choices and was never a follower. My sister still has friends from pre-school because she treats everyone nice. She told me you should treat everybody nice because you never know who could end up being your best friend. She never used drugs, she never smoked or drank alcohol. For me, knowing she accomplished these things makes me want to be just like her.

My sister Tiara, inspires me! She is hardworking, smart and independent. It's easy to see why I look up to her. I love my sister and I hope to be just like her when I grow up.