

## Essay Question

Our son James is one of my greatest inspirations; his essay answer to a question posed by Thurgood Marshall Academy still warms our hearts, and brings tears to our eyes.

"Thurgood Marshall Academy is committed to preparing students to succeed in college and to engage in our democratic society actively. Being successful at Thurgood Marshall Academy will require hard work and dedication. In the space provided, write a three-paragraph essay describing what motivates you to learn and why you are interested in enrolling at Thurgood Marshall Academy." Essay Question:

What motivates me to learn? There are many motivators in my life; my parents are at the top of the list. When they see my report card and say they are proud of me, it's the world's best feeling. Then there's my self-worth, how I feel about myself; like completing a school project and getting a good grade, this is a source of pride for me.

Being able to take care of myself in the future motivates me; I know that a good education will help me make a good life for myself and the family I may have someday. Attending Thurgood Marshall Academy, we help me with my future; I believe Thurgood Marshall Academy is a place where I can focus on my education and not have the negative aspects of Anacostia and Ballou public-school.

If I want to compete in tomorrow's job market, I need to study hard to equip myself to be outstanding. I want Thurgood Marshall Academy to be my road to a great future.