

EMILY SERGENT

Future Physician for Appalachia



My name is Emily Sergent. When I was a senior at Letcher County Central High School, I toiled over the decision of which college to attend. I was the Valedictorian of my senior class, received the commonwealth diploma, and scored a 30 on my ACT. I had scholarship offers from all of the Kentucky schools to which I applied. Alice Lloyd College offered me the *ALC Distinguished Scholars Scholarship*, and I was able to attend college absolutely free. Alice Lloyd's exceptional biology program and scholarship offer made it easy to make my decision. The financial burden of my college education would have been great for my parents, but thanks to donors like you, I will graduate college debt free.

Now, I am a senior biology (pre-med) major. I do not regret the decision I made to attend Alice Lloyd. Thanks to the amazing biology program, I have been able to successfully compete with other pre-med students around the country. I was accepted to a very competitive summer program at the University of Louisville, SMDEP, and finished the program in the top of my class. In July, I took the MCAT and received a score that I feel confident will help me to be accepted to the medical schools I wish to attend.

A wonderful education is not the only benefit I have received from Alice Lloyd. The Student Work Program has taught me many lessons. My freshman year, I was placed in the Student Work Office. I calculated timecards, checked schedules, and did basic office tasks. I learned how to be punctual, hard-working, and take pride in the work I was doing. Now, I am the Student Supervisor in the Student Work Office. Being a supervisor has taught me the importance of time management and communication. I oversee six workers in my office, do payroll for all six hundred Alice Lloyd students, and deal with any problem a student, faculty member, or parent has with the Student Work Program. I have learned to deal with angry people in a professional way, as well as how to deal with each of my workers according to their personalities. The Student Work Program is also an amazing addition to my medical school applications. If I had attended another institution, I do not think I would have had these experiences or learned these lessons.

I am part of several clubs and organizations here at ALC. I am a member of the *Allied Health Club*, which helps educate students pursuing health careers, and I was recently inducted into *Alpha Chi*, the College's honor society. The accomplishment of which I am most proud, however, is starting the *IMPACT Club*, a community service club. I feel that this experience truly taught me the importance of giving and truly caring about other people. As a club, we have been able to do a great deal for Knott and surrounding counties. The past two years, we "adopted" a less-fortunate family and provided them with clothes and toys to brighten up their Christmas. We have organized two *P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment)* cleanups, tutored dyslexic children at Hindman Settlement School, made nursing home visits, wrote letters to terminally ill children, and made tray favors for local hospitals, just to name a few. My favorite experience has been cooking dinner at the Ronald McDonald house in Lexington. All of the club members and I worked very hard to raise money to do all of these things. It has taught me the value of working hard for a cause and has solidified my decision to become a physician.

Without donors who support students like me, I would not have been able to attend Alice Lloyd College and would have missed out on all the lessons I have learned. I am very grateful!

