



# Leah Tackett

## Grateful for the Opportunity to Attend College

My name is Leah Tackett. I am a sophomore here at Alice Lloyd College. I am from a small town called Virgie in Pike County, Kentucky. I'm an only child and I am a proud Christian. I went to Shelby Valley High School where I graduated in 2015. I played varsity soccer for my high school where I was the goalie and a captain for three years. I was also a member of the audition-only choir, National Honor Society, and the Beta Club. Here at Alice Lloyd, I am a member of the Admissions team and a member of the Voices of Appalachia choir. I love Alice Lloyd College. Coming here was an easy decision for me to make.

There are many reasons why I chose to come to Alice Lloyd College. Neither of my parents ever went to college; so I am a first-generation college student. My dad started working as a coal truck driver as soon as he graduated high school in 1975. My mom also started working as soon as she graduated high school in 1977. My dad drove a coal truck until 1990 when he was injured at work, leaving him disabled. My mom started working at an apartment complex in 1983 and worked there until she was injured at work in 2011. Mom is also now disabled.

Money has always been hard to come by in my family, but after my mom became disabled, we struggled even more. I started working a part-time job at a local grocery store so my parents didn't have to give me money. They needed every penny of the money they received from Social Security for bills and other amenities.

This past summer, we suffered a tragic loss and a hard financial blow to our income. On July 23, 2016, my dad passed away. This was so unexpected and sudden and took my whole family by surprise. Now, my mom and I are trying to figure out how we are going to make it each month.

Coming to Alice Lloyd is such a financial blessing to me and my family. I can come to school and get a good, quality education for virtually nothing, thanks to donors like you. Alice Lloyd is just a good school in all aspects. I love how small and close-knit the college is. Everything about the school is wonderful. Everyone is so helpful. It's just amazing. I wouldn't want to go to college anywhere else.

I could not go to Alice Lloyd without the help of donors like you. I just want to say thank you so much for contributing to Alice Lloyd College. This helps make my college dreams come true and also the college dreams of all Alice Lloyd students who couldn't go here without your help. Just know that whatever amount you contribute, whether it's large or small, makes all the difference to a struggling college student. Once again, thank you so much for your contributions.