

# Monthly Student Spotlight



**Rose Azor**  
**Heritage Preparatory School**  
**Orlando, Fla.**

## *Essence (Time)*

*A time to live and a time to die  
A time to laugh and a time to cry  
A time to build and a time to break  
A time to embrace and a time to push away  
A time to love and a time to hate,  
A time to give and a time to take  
A time for war and a time for peace*

*Essence is time.*

*There is a time for everything.*

Sixteen-year-old Step Up For Students scholarship recipient Rose Azor is a sophomore at Heritage Preparatory School in Orlando, Fla. Raised in a single-parent household and the eldest child of four children, Rose learned responsibility at a young age. Because her mother works long hours at her job, she helps her run the household, including taking care of her younger siblings. As a role model for her younger siblings, Rose knows she has to lead by example in school and in life.

Rose attended public school from kindergarten through sixth grade, before she received a Step Up For Students scholarship from Children First Florida, the Scholarship Funding Organization that administers Step Up For Students scholarships in the Central Florida region. The smaller class sizes and individualized attention at Heritage Preparatory School have enabled Rose to excel in many areas.

Now in the middle of her second year at Heritage Prep, Rose has earned A's and B's and is on the honor roll. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and the volleyball team. She hopes to become a pediatrician because she loves children and wants to help them when they are sick. During her free time, Rose volunteers at Heritage Prep's daycare center and would like to start volunteering at a local health center to help better prepare for her future career.

Rose's intelligence is complemented by her outstanding creativity. In August 2005, she won a poetry contest and was invited to the finals in Washington, D.C., where she read her poem in front of a large group of judges, professional poets and her peers. Rose's poem is above.

Thanks to her Step Up For Students scholarship, Rose has found the perfect academic setting to help her excel in school and develop important skills for her future. Success stories like Rose's are becoming more and more common thanks to the Step Up For Students corporate donors who make it all possible!

## **About Heritage Preparatory School**

Established in 1969, Heritage Preparatory School offers a diverse group of students academic programs in preschool, elementary, middle and high school, as well as nursery and child-care programs. Heritage Prep provides a demanding academic program to prepare students for college and life, including an advanced college prep curriculum and a focus on the principles of respect, honesty, community, creativity and faith. The success of its students is attributed to the school's atmosphere, opportunity, quality of curriculum, diversity of students and philosophies. The cost of tuition at Heritage Prep is \$4,500 per year. Heritage Prep has over 300 K-12 students, of which almost half are Step Up For Students scholarship recipients.



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## About Step Up For Students Scholarship Recipients

The typical Step Up For Students scholarship family has an average income of \$22,074 for a family of four, and more than half of the scholarship families are single-parent homes. The typical scholarship student is an ethnic minority living with a struggling single parent/caregiver in a high crime community. They are either below grade level, failing at their previous school or both when they receive a scholarship. Parents, who find their children in these circumstances and care about their future, look for viable options. Parents apply for Step Up For Students Scholarships so their children can attend the school best suited for their special needs, beliefs, and abilities, and to address negative trends in their child's learning skills and/or environment.

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