



Jasmine Salter

North Florida Christian School
Tallahassee, FL

Once consumed by worry and frustration, tenth-grader Jasmine Salter has blossomed academically at North Florida Christian School with a hunger to succeed and continue to higher education.

Before attending North Florida Christian, Jasmine was an average student at her neighborhood public school who was forced to confront a heavy burden at home. Her mother, Helen, was diagnosed with Lupus, and her health began to decline. Jasmine's worries about her mom affected her performance in school, especially in math.

As the years passed, Jasmine's frustrations grew. Her mother could see where that was leading, and decided that Jasmine needed a new school that would help meet her unique and growing challenges. Helen, a single mother on a fixed income, was determined to find an environment that would help her daughter to achieve her full potential.

Then, a relative told her about the Step Up For Students Scholarship in Florida for students from low-income families. The Step Up opportunity allowed a once hopeless mother to find a school where Jasmine could turn her academic record around. It also allowed Helen to shake free from the worries about her daughter's education – a frustration she faced while undergoing a kidney transplant.

Currently in her sixth year on the Step Up Scholarship, Jasmine has thrived academically thanks to the genuine dedication of teachers who have helped her overcome her challenges. When Jasmine enrolled at Tallavana Christian School for fifth grade, she was able to receive one-on-one assistance and her grades improved dramatically. During her second semester of fifth grade, she was on the A-B honor roll.

The success motivated Jasmine and pushed to continue to excel. By the time she was reaching her high school years, she was already thinking about college as well. Then, she heard about North Florida Christian's outstanding college prep programs. She also found out that the Step Up Scholarship is portable, because it is awarded to the student and not the school. So Jasmine was able to transfer to North Florida Christian, where she continues to succeed and dream about the future.

Jasmine looks forward to attending college in just a couple short years and pursuing a career in education. She dreams of being the inspirational hand that will touch other struggling students, like herself just years ago, realize their full potential.

About North Florida Christian School

Located in Tallahassee, Fla., North Florida Christian School is a private school with college preparatory curriculum for students in PK - 12th grade. The school currently serves 912 children, 84 of which are Step Up For Students scholarship recipients. The school annually administers the Stanford Achievement Test 10. The annual tuition for grades K-12 ranges from \$5,047 for elementary school up to \$6,309 for high school, and varies depending on grade level and program.