

Applicant A

Cheyenne Hicks - DVC

Cheyenne entered the room with a big smile on her face. We made introductions and began the interview.

1. Tell us about yourself

Thanks for the opportunity to interview for this scholarship. I hope to transfer to a four-year university to pursue **Communications and Marketing**. My academic journey has been defined by significant personal challenges, including recovery from an eating disorder and ongoing health issues.

2. What is a challenge that has shaped who you are?

Recovering from an eating disorder was a turning point for me. Being hospitalized forced me to slow down and really reevaluate my priorities. Recovery extended my academic timeline, but it taught me resilience and patience. Those lessons have made me stronger and more focused in both school and life.

3. How do you balance school, work, and family?

I rely on planning, organization, and flexibility. I work multiple jobs and help care for my mom, so I've learned to manage my time carefully and stay accountable.

4. Can you share a leadership or service experience?

I volunteered with the Nirankari Church, supporting patients who traveled from India to receive chiropractic care. I helped coordinate food preparation, directed patients to providers, and assisted in a temporary nursery. I was trusted with leadership responsibilities, and it showed me how I can make an impact on other people's lives.

5. Why communications and marketing?

My personal experiences showed me how powerful communication is—feeling heard can truly change someone's life. I want to use my degree to amplify underrepresented voices.

6. Anything else we should know about you and your aspirations?

I don't want to be defined by my eating disorder. Now that I have successfully overcome this disorder I want to look ahead to furthering my education and make a difference in this world.