

Jessica Hardy
Platform: Cancer Patients

My name is Jessica Hardy. I live in Memphis, Tennessee. I am the daughter of Vergil Gray and the sister of six siblings (3 sisters and 3 brothers). I attend Trezevant High School where I participate in several sports such as basketball, softball, and volleyball. I have a G.P.A of 4.2, and I am also a member of the National Honor Society.

I am a proud member of HOSA (Health Occupations of America). I attend Trezevant Career and Technology Center where I am a member of the Health Science program. The Health Science program consists of Biomedical Application and Medical Therapeutics. I take education seriously because I believe without it I wouldn't be able to reach my goals in life. I plan to further my career at Clark Atlanta studying medicine and becoming an anesthesiologist.

My father is the most influential role model in my life. His morals and standards help mold me. He has always been supportive and encourages me to keep my head high and strive for the best. He is the reason why I am a hard-working, determined, and mature young lady. Raising me alone, he has become a tremendous mother and father figure in life.

My greatest concern would be cancer patients. Losing an unforgettable aunt with cancer on August 7, 2007, face to face, helped me to realize that, as a black female, I should not only believe in myself but love myself and always offer a helping hand. She also helped me to realize that I am beautiful inside and out like a caterpillar waiting to bloom into something beautiful and big in life. Think positive and positive things will come my way.

I am looking forward to participating in the Miss Mahogany Scholarship Pageant. The road to Miss Mahogany might not be easy, but with hard work and perseverance I know I can accomplish my goals. I know that the five-month process will be a great experience, build my confidence, and encourage me to give a helping hand to my community.