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GRIT

Young person demonstrates perseverance and passion for long-term goals; working strenuously toward challenges, maintaining effort and interest over the long-term despite failure, adversity, and plateaus in progress. The gritty individual approaches achievement as a marathon; his or her advantage is stamina.

When I joined the robotics team, I had never seen LabVIEW (Laboratory Virtual Instrument Engineering Workbench) before. It took me weeks and a couple online tutorials to figure that out and then I got to build a little robot of my own. It turned out that none of the stuff I made worked, so I ended up re-learning some stuff, which took me ages. But eventually, I got it and that robot was driving and it was me who had programmed it.
- Rebecca, St. Louis

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Young person excels at achieving academic goals. Examples: Student is on the honor roll, or receives an award for academic performance.

I do my work and pay attention in class while my teacher is trying to teach because I care about my education and I want to make it somewhere in life. In Biology at one time I had a C and then I brought it up to an A. I even got into Honors English by putting all my effort into my work. My class rank is number 3 out of 107 freshmen students. I have a GPA of a 3.9 and if I keep working hard, I can rank number 1 out of 107 freshmen.
- Noriel, Chicago

FAMILY SUPPORT

Family life provides young person with high levels of love and support.

My family is important to me not only for money purposes, but because they give me comfort and a feeling of security. When I'm with my family members I feel safe and secure. I also feel like I'm someone. Even though I know I'm someone, I feel like I'm someone with them and I feel like I belong.
- Aniah, Washington D.C.

GROWTH MINDSET

Young person acts on the belief that skills and abilities can be "grown" or developed, as reflected in the statement, "The mind is a muscle." In contrast, a person who has a fixed mindset acts on the belief that skills and abilities are fixed and unchangeable.

When I'm playing basketball, nothing else matters. I'm not angry. I'm not tired. I'm just happy and whatever feelings I had before are gone. I think I feel perfectly content there because you get to learn new things and you can get better as an individual and you could think you can't do something but with more practice you can. So it makes me feel like I can do anything that I put my mind to.
- Aaliyah, New York



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RESILIENCE

Young person shows signs of coping positively with a stressful life event, i.e. "What doesn't kill me makes me stronger."

My family has been fighting for my Dad's case for immigration for five years already. My fear is that I don't know if my Dad's going to be here for my graduation. I don't know if he's going to be here seeing me getting my diploma, being successful in life. It really hurts me because in the end he might still be here...he might. My mom helps me to be strong. I help her to be strong also, and my brothers, too. I know for my brothers it's not going to be easy, but we're going to be fighting, being strong together as a family, and staying put.

- Jonathan, Chicago