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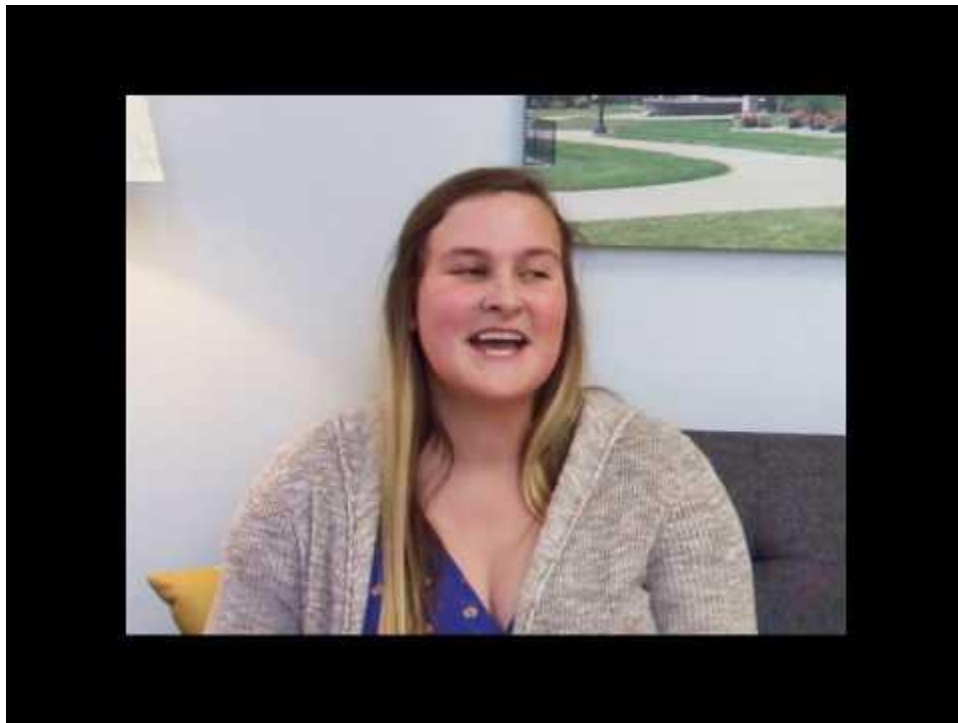
**Alison Humphrey**  
**Quincy University**  
**A. Montgomery Ward Foundation Scholarship**



Ali Humphrey considered some colleges in Central Missouri before she chose Quincy University. From nearby Payson, Illinois, Humphrey liked that Quincy was near her home and that it had a quality program in elementary education, her major. "The education program here is amazing," says Humphrey, a junior.

"I've always loved working with kids," she says. "I remember being younger and making my siblings play school with me. I was always the teacher. But, I've actually had a lot of jobs working with children. I used to work in an after-school program here in Quincy. I worked at a summer playground with kids, too." Her goal is to work as a classroom teacher, preferably teaching students ranging from first to fourth grade.

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Among her school activities, Humphrey was part of the university's cheerleading program. She cheered during her sophomore year but decided against it this year

because of the time involved and the challenge of driving back to Payson late at night. "It was really hard because I did get a pretty hefty scholarship from cheering, " she says. "I was so worried about not being able to recover the funds from that scholarship."

In her case, getting the A. Montgomery Ward Foundation Scholarship through ACI was timely, Humphrey says. "I would say that I'm living proof that without this scholarship, I would not be here today. I think that helps tremendously," she says.

Humphrey has two younger siblings, a brother and a sister, who will head to college next year. To finance her education, Humphrey says she pulls together funding from many sources, including ACI. She also works as bank teller at a Quincy bank.