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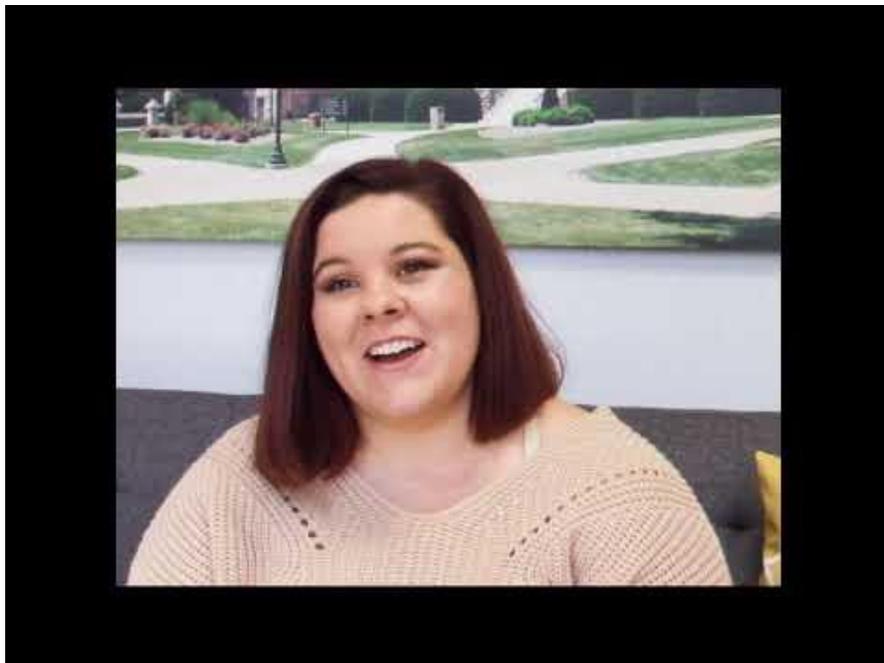
Taylor Ludwick
Quincy University
ACI General Scholarship



Originally, Taylor Ludwick of Moberly, Missouri, wanted to attend a big college in the South, Louisiana State University. But she and her mother thought it would be best to consider colleges in other places. Ludwick visited [Quincy University](#), and she liked the campus and its location near the Mississippi River. Ludwick was sold – and came to Quincy to study English.

But that's not the end of the story. Ludwick, a sophomore, recently changed to a double major in middle grades literacy and elementary education. "I want to impact the most people," she says. "I've always loved younger kids. I started working with kindergartners when I was 12. I've always had a love for teachers. I thought they were the most impactful people in my life." Now, she's focused on a career as a public school teacher, following in her own footsteps as a product of public schools. Ideally, Ludwick wants to work in the Quincy area for a few years before moving to the South.

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Financing her education is a challenge. She's the youngest daughter in her family, and college is expensive. "This year, it's about \$45,000. Where my sister went, it was only like \$5,000. So, my sister could afford it, but I could not afford coming here at all, and I knew that. So, my Mom told me I had to base everything off scholarships," Ludwick says. Among other sources of funds, Ludwick attends Quincy as part of a work-study program.

Ludwick also qualified for an ACI General Scholarship. "If I didn't get the scholarship, I would have been at a loss where I would have attained money for anything like that," she says. She is also grateful for donors. "They're definitely helping everybody whenever they donate the money. It's allowing all of us to further our educations so that we can then also donate," Ludwick says.

Ludwick is also busy with several jobs and volunteer opportunities. She is a manager at the Children's Place, a local clothing store for children. She works at the university library and is an orientation leader. As a volunteer, she is president of the Multicultural Club, was in Rosie's Resistance, a Quincy club that promotes female empowerment, and is active in the Black Student Union.