



Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program awards \$1,000 scholarship to Akayska Dempsey-Owens

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Akayska Dempsey-Owens of Jackson has been recognized with a \$1,000 scholarship toward higher education by the Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program for making a positive impact in her community through volunteerism. At age 6, Akayska was chosen from more than 35,000 nominees nationwide. After vandals destroyed the slide at her neighborhood playground, Akayska took it upon herself to set up a lemonade stand, raising \$8,500 to rebuild the slide and reopen the park.

Through the Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program, Kohl's is encouraging promising youth to further their education at a time when college costs continue to rise and parents are relying heavily on federal and private student loans to fund higher education.

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