

Why I am proud to be an American

Why I am proud to be an American? I am proud because I am allowed to be free, independent, and equal with other people. America is a great country to live in because I can speak what is on my mind about current issues or express my personal opinions. Along with speaking my mind, I can practice whatever religion that I choose, I have the right to a free education, I can pick where I would like to work and where I would like to attend for my secondary education.

America is not only a free country; it is the land of opportunity. I have the opportunity to vote for the president of this great nation at the age of eighteen. I also have the opportunity to voice my opinions and fight for what I believe is right. I can use this freedom in matters that deal with my family, my local community, my state and my country. I can choose what I would like to wear, work at a job of my choice, and live in any area of the United States that I wish to live. The opportunities are endless in America and that is one of many reasons why I love being an American.

I personally have used these opportunities in many ways. I have been able to participate in whichever sport or academic activities arise. I have been engaged by my teachers for debate on current events and my opinions respected, and I was able to work part time while in high school

at a place of my choosing. I believe that I was afforded these opportunities because I live in America.

Religion and friendships are freedoms that I use on a daily basis. Because I live in America, I have had the opportunity to explore other religions without regard to persecution. I have the opportunity to have friends that are not only different religions than me, but different nationalities, and able to feel good about my choices. I am afforded these opportunities to choose my religion and friends, because I live in America.

To live my life to the fullest; it has to start with being an American. To be able to believe in yourself and your country; it has to start with America. To live safely and securely; it has to start with America. Some Americans take all these freedoms and opportunities for granted, and some even abuse these freedoms with crime and mischief. But for me, I thank God everyday that I was born in the great nation of The United States of America and proud to say I am an American.