

Peaceful and relaxing that is what I find when I am hunting, one asks how but to me it allows me to concentrate on something that I do not have to work hard to do. It allows me enjoy all of God's work at hand no matter if it is sitting in a blind waiting on that big buck or walking behind a perfect nose of that bird dog and watching it go on point then being ordered to flush the bird out and aiming for the blue sky in hopes my aim is good...

Hi, I am Kiera McNellis, I a junior at Burlingame High School, I am a cheerleader for the Burlingame Bearcats, am in a major roll for the school play 3 years running, active in the Hominairs(choir), I am on my schools Scholars Bowl team, involved in my churches youth program, active in girl scouts(working on my gold award), actively involved in 4-H in which one of my projects is shooting sports where my love for shooting became possible.

Every girl has a passion and I think I have found mine in hunting. I can fore see hunting taking a big part in my future career too. I am currently attending Washburn School of Technology in the culinary arts program. And have been involved in the SkillUSA program and have participated in national contests 2 years now..

As active as I am, I find that hunting helps me get back to me, it allows me so spend quality time with my family when I go hunting I can be me and not what is expected for me to be like by others. I can put my focus in to the hunt and enjoy all mother nature has to offer.

Hunting is exactly what the word says it is hunting for that bird, hunting for that perfect 8 point buck, hunting for the chance to harvest some delicious food for the table. I am still in *my first year for hunting as October 10, 2020, was my very first hunt, I had a great mentor and have gained many new friends*

through out the hunts I have done. I have been on hunts set up by 2 great programs offered to youth, Outdoor Mentors and WildHERness. I have been lucky enough to harvest 2 large does, 3 geese, 8 ducks, and 4 pheasants(from 3 different hunts I did). The turkey and doves have eluded me this year.

As a culinary student, my goal is to on day to have my own from harvest/farm to table type restaurant or at least be the head chef in that field. I love the idea of me being able to hunt/harvest, prepare and serve my own food. Hopefully the public would like it also..

Now as to why I would like to be able to be one of the few the privileged to hunt in the Kansas Governor's Ringneck Classic, you ask, I would love the honor and privilege to be able to follow the leads of great mentors which you all would be as you would be teaching me to hunt the wild bird, which I have never done, I have never been out west during the pheasant season and can only imagine the excitement of hearing the wings of the pheasant hitting the air after being flushed out by the dogs and watching all other hunters aim for that prize and hope to reach the goal of harvesting a delicious feast.

This is me, this is my life, this is my hope and dream. Thank you for considering my application for this elite hunt and opportunity.