

My name is Rory Hawk. I am a sixteen year old junior girl. I have two sisters, a dog, and three cats. I enjoy hunting, running cross country, playing basketball, running track, and being a part of my school's National Honors Society. I attend Kansas City Christian School in Prairie Village, Kansas, but live in Kansas City, Kansas. When I graduate highschool I'm planning on attending college to get a degree in wildlife biology.

Hunting and being outside and learning about nature has been a passion of mine since I was six years old. I hunt because I enjoy the excitement that comes with success, no matter who has that success, but also because of the community and life lessons that I have learned from hunting. Through hunting I have learned how to be self sufficient and how to properly respect my environment. It has helped me appreciate the animals and the nature that is all around me. It is an indescribable feeling to be able to go outside, walk in the woods, and watch the animals interact with each other. Hunting is so much more to me than a successful harvest. The community that I find in fellow hunters is one that I hope to never take for granted. As I have grown I have met people who have come along beside me to teach me and help me grow not only as a hunter but also as a woman. I hope to one day be able to share my knowledge with others and to help give others some of the experiences that I had as a young hunter. I hope to always continue to learn more about myself and my environment through the amazing sport of hunting.

I want to participate in the Kansas Governor's Ringneck Classic because I want to share in a hunting experience that will help me grow and to be given the opportunity to get outside in the wonderful Kansas plains. This hunt would provide tools to further my education in wildlife and create another bonding experience for me. I would greatly appreciate being considered for this hunt.