

TEEN ADVISOR ESSAY

My name is Kristin Ramaglia and I am applying for the teen advisor scholarship. I am a Senior in High School and have been a teen advisor for four years and prior to that I have cheered for Creek Eagles for five years. I have chosen to be and love being a teen advisor and helping my mom coach for many reasons. First of all, I love watching my sister Katie with Down Syndrome cheer with typical girls her age. I know Katie can do so much and when I started as a teen coach four years ago I knew I could help her, she could help the team and that they would all learn and grow from each other in many ways. I have been a teen coach for my Mom for the past four years and together we have not only helped our teams win Superior but more importantly grow individually as girls, cheerleaders and together as a team. I put my heart in soul into teen coaching. But not only do I give my time to them, they give me so much more. What I get out of teen coaching is an experience like no other. I get to be a role model for these girls and help them in so many ways and in return my heart is filled with such a warm feeling as I see my team become a family. Helping 12-25 girls from different schools, different families, different backgrounds and various skills work together for achieve a common goal is what keeps me wanting to teen coach. I get the satisfaction knowing that I was able to take those girls to a higher level, I was able to help their skills improve. And this year some of the very same girls I teen coached four years ago, are now cheering with me at my High School. I know that without their Eagles experience, they may not have made the team or have wanted to cheer at all. I am proud to be a part of Eagles' girls success and I have learned from them what it takes to be a successful coach. Ultimately, it is such a win - win experience. I learn just as much from those girls as

they learn from me. And, my mom and I grow together as well. You see, we spend hours upon hours at night after practice going over plans, strategies, choreography, music, bow choices, you name it. My dad gets mad because during Eagles cheer season, it is all my mom, Katie and I talk about. So you can say I teen advise to lhelp the girls but the experience also helps me in many ways. I think teen coaching has helped me to become a better person, and to grow as a coach. I have volunteered for over 1000 hours for the Eagles over the past four years which will hopefully help me get accepted at a University where I can cheer as well. This is my last year as a teen coach. I will be turning 18 and going to college. I would like to stay close by so I can be an assistant coach for the Eagles next year or at least be able to come back and forth and help my mom coach in some way.. Thank you for considering me for this scholarship award.