

RADIANT STARS

Getting to know kids who shine

Connect with kids around the world! How are they like you? How are they different? Each of us has a unique story to tell. What's yours?

Sanna J.

Age: 10

I live in: Illinois, U.S.

I want to be: **Artist or doctor**

This career interests me because: **I love painting and helping people.**

Virtues I admire most: **Radiance and kindness**

Hobbies or sports: **Piano and running**

I'm grateful for: **Play[ing] the piano well, my family, and my singing voice**



Favorite Bahá'í activities: **Doing crafts and talking with my friends**

Places I'd love to visit: **The Philippines and Hawaii**

A favorite food: **Barbecued chicken and halim (a Persian type of porridge)**

A hero or role model: **My Auntie Christi**

What helps me feel spiritual: **When I pray and when I go to devotionals***

A question I'd ask God: **How did you create us?**

What fills me with awe: **The beautiful stars, the eclipse, and the sunset**

In 20 years, I'd like to see: **People not throwing garbage [on the ground] and not becoming couch potatoes**

Daniel I.

Age: 14

I live in: Pennsylvania, U.S.

I want to be: **Working with my hands or a park ranger**

This career interests me because: **I feel really happy when [I'm] . . . learning how things are made and built.**

Hobbies or sports: **Mountain biking, building go-carts, blacksmithing**

Favorite Bahá'í activities: **Children's classes, my family's dinner and devotions night, and Camp Tabarsi in Pennsylvania**

A hero or role model: **[Wildlife biologist] Clay Hayes, my uncle Ed, my parents**



A question I'd ask God: **What exactly happens when you die?**

I'm grateful for: **1) Living in Pennsylvania, which is great for outdoor activities; 2) the ability to build things; and 3) my friends**

What fills me with awe: **The infinity of the universe and how vast it is**

In 20 years, I'd like to see: **People taking care of the environment more, and more respect for nature**



Anis R.

Age: 12

I live in: Ohio, U.S.

I want to be: **Singer/songwriter**

This career interests me because: **Music is a way . . . to express myself, and I enjoy songs.**

Virtue I admire most: **Empathy**

Hobbies or sports: **Basketball, swimming, singing, and video games**

Favorite Bahá'í activity: **Junior youth camps**

Place I'd love to visit: **Paris, France**

Favorite animal or pet: **Dogs**

A hero or role model: **[Anti-slavery activist] Harriet Tubman**

What helps me feel spiritual: **Praying**

A question I'd ask God: **What do I need to do?**

I'm grateful for: **My family, my friends, the gift of life**

What fills me with awe: **The ocean**

In 20 years, I'd like to see: **The world creating an ever-advancing civilization for the generations to come (world peace, service, eliminating world hunger and prejudice)**

Allen K.

Age: 11

I live in: **Washington, U.S.**

I want to be: **A snake breeder and SWAT officer***

This career interests me because:

The SWAT career because I'd get to stop crime in the world, and the snake breeder because I'd get to raise snakes from babies and have the fun of watching them grow.

Virtues I admire most:

Kindness, trustworthiness

Favorite Bahá'í activity:

Children's class. I get to see some of my school friends every Thursday at our neighborhood class.

A hero or role model:

My big sister

Place I'd love to visit: **Alaska**

What helps me feel spiritual:
Praying

I'm grateful for:

Having a life on Earth, people I can be with, and awesome parents who allow me to have pets, especially a snake

What fills me with awe:

Every fish species I catch fills me with awe! And also snakes.

In 20 years, I'd like to see:

Dinosaurs hatch on Earth, and a device that can detect hackers



River M.

Age: 11

I live in: **Oregon, U.S.**

I want to be:

A Major League Baseball player

This career interests me because:

I love sports, and I love to play baseball the most.

Virtue I admire most:

Truthfulness

Favorite Bahá'í activity:

Junior youth activities

A hero or role model:

My parents and Bahá'u'lláh

What helps me feel spiritual:
Praying

What fills me with awe:

How the world works, such as how it has perfect conditions for us to live

A question I'd ask God:
I would ask what it is like to die—what it feels and looks like . . .

I'm grateful for:

[Being] a Bahá'í; having a great, loving family; and my health

In 20 years, I'd like to see:

That people stopped wars and pollution, or we found a way to quickly travel to another planet that could sustain human life



“God has crowned you with honor and in your hearts has He set a radiant star; verily the light thereof shall brighten the whole world!”

—‘Abdu’l-Bahá

Sachika D.

Age: 11

I live in: **Georgia, U.S.**

I want to be: **A veterinarian**

This career interests me because:

I love animals and I want to help as many as I can.

Virtues I admire most:

Kindness, generosity, truthfulness, patience

Favorite Bahá'í activities:

Teaching a children's class on Zoom and [being in a] junior youth group.

My Zoom class is very interesting, because it includes kids from Africa and . . . Trinidad.

A hero or role model:

My parents, teachers, and my cousin, Ashiya Didi, because they always help me in tough times, and they teach me new things every single day!



What helps me feel spiritual:
Saying my prayers at night . . . and also during times when I feel sad or mad

A question I'd ask God:

Is world peace possible? Could we ever end the suffering of other people?

What fills me with awe:

Everything in this universe . . . Every turn I make, around every single corner, there is something new and exciting that I can learn about.

In 20 years, I'd like to see:

Everyone living in peace, even the animals. This would fill my heart with love and joy!

How to be a Radiant Star

1. If you're aged 7–14, scan the QR code with a smart phone's camera. Or go to brilliantstarmagazine.org and from the top menu, choose “Discover.” Click “Become a Radiant Star or Trailblazer.” Or email us at brilliant@usbnc.org. Include your name, age, birthdate, mailing address, and phone number.



2. When it's your turn to shine, we'll ask for at least two good-quality, close-up photographs of your smiling face. Photos should be in sharp focus and show your eyes clearly. Please don't send color copies, low-resolution digital images, or copyright-protected images (like school portraits).

3. We'll send you questions and a form for you and your parents to sign. Answer the questions and send them to us with the signed form, and you'll be in our next issue!

*SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) officers are trained to handle high-risk situations.

Evander P.

Age: 10

I live in: **Virginia, U.S.**

I want to be: **Astronaut. I want to be the first one to land on Neptune or Europa (a moon of Jupiter).**

This career interests me because: **I would get to see all different types of planets and [be in] zero gravity.**

Favorite Bahá'í activities: **Devotions, children's class, and holy day celebrations**

A hero or role model: **Spider-Man, because he saves people**

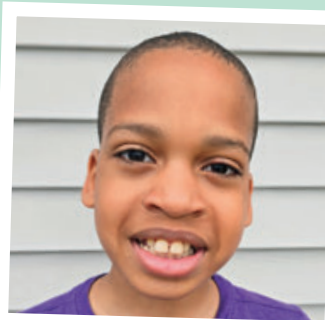
In 20 years, I'd like to see: **Europa, because it's awesome and it could have snow**

Virtue I admire most: **Kindness**

A question I'd ask God: **If He'll help my mom deal with all the chaos my brothers and I cause and help her get all the things she needs**

What fills me with awe: **Shooting stars are awesome.**

What helps me feel spiritual: **Saying prayers and talking to God**



Eloise P.

Age: 8

I live in: **Ohio, U.S.**

I want to be: **A professional horse trainer and equestrian**

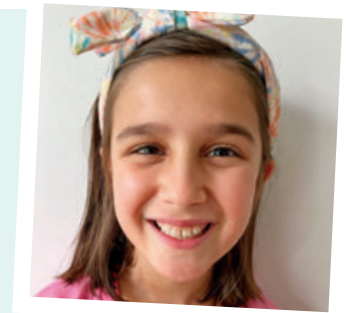
This career interests me because: **I love horses. They are gentle creatures I love to spend time with.**

Virtues I admire most: **Love and consideration**

Hobbies or sports: **Playing the piano and horseback riding**

A hero or role model: **Ms. Betsy (my riding instructor)**

What helps me feel spiritual: **Prayers at bedtime with my family's prayer candle, and being in the rain with my face toward the sky**



Favorite Bahá'í activities: **Devotional game nights**

Place I'd love to visit: **Kentucky**

A favorite food: **Chicken samosas**

A question I'd ask God: **What is the Abhá Kingdom [the next world] like?**

I'm grateful for: **Mama, Daddy, and my sister, Dahlia**

In 20 years, I'd like to see: **Less pollution and horses everywhere!**

Azizeh F.

Age: 8

I live in: **Minnesota, U.S.**

I want to be: **Scientist**

This career interests me because: **You can discover intricate stuff about the world.**

Virtue I admire most: **Unity**

Favorite Bahá'í activity: **Youth camp (I get to go with my mom and older brother and there are children's activities)**

Place I'd love to visit: **Tonga**

A hero or role model: **[Hand of the Cause of God]* Dorothy Baker**

What helps me feel spiritual: **Prayer and listening to *Stories from the Dawn-Breakers* . . .**

A question I'd ask God: **Will I meet my relatives who have passed on before me?**

I'm grateful for: **My nephews, [going on] pilgrimage, attending the dedication of the Bahá'í House of Worship in Papua New Guinea**

What fills me with awe: **The ocean in Papua New Guinea and the northern lights in Minnesota**

In 20 years, I'd like to see: **Flying cars**



Phil T.

Age: 8

I live in: **North Dakota, U.S.**

I want to be: **An engineer**

This career interests me because: **I love creating new things.**

Virtue I admire most: **Kindness**

Hobbies or sports: **Soccer**

Favorite Bahá'í activities: **Ayyám-i-Há** celebration**

Favorite animal: **Jaguar (it is fierce and fast)**

A favorite book: **The Dragon Masters series [by Tracey West]**

A favorite food: **Bacon burger**

What helps me feel spiritual: **Prayers**



Place I'd love to visit: **Hawaii**

A hero or role model: **Uncle Stevo. He is kind, and he has a pure and radiant heart.**

A question I'd ask God: **Am I doing well on Earth?**

I'm grateful for: **My siblings, my parents, my shelter**

What fills me with awe: **The ocean**

In 20 years, I'd like to see: **Lower prices**