

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?

Ryleigh Rose A.

Age: 12

I live in: Florida, U.S.

I want to be:
Doctor or veterinarian

This career interests me because:
I like helping others.

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
Bahá'í children's classes

Place I'd love to visit: Iran

A hero or role model:
My mother and father

Favorite animal or pet:
Dogs and pandas

To help people get along in peace, I'd:
Help people understand unity in diversity and respect each other's faith. Also, I would help people to increase their education on diversity.

To help the world, I'd like to invent:
An app that helps people from all over the world talk and understand each other easily. It would make understanding different cultures and ideas simple, bringing everyone closer together.

What gives me hope:
Spending time with family, saying a prayer, and staying positive

To bring positivity to myself and others, I can:
Do small acts of kindness for everyone



Ollie M.

Age: 13

I live in: Oregon, U.S.

I want to be: Engineer

This career interests me because:
I like to invent things, and I love technology.

Virtue I admire most:
Truthfulness

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
Bahá'í camps

Place I'd love to visit:
Japan

What gives me hope:
My friends and family, because I can talk to them

To bring positivity to myself and others, I can:
Be kind to everybody

A hero or role model:
My parents



I'm thankful for:
My family, my friends, and my home

To help people get along in peace:
I love Bahá'u'lláh's principle of having a universal language, because if we all were able to communicate, there would be more understanding [between] cultures.

To help the world, I'd like to invent:
A machine that would collect all of the pollution in the ocean and use it as energy



Vargha T.

Age: 13

I live in: Ohio, U.S.

I want to be: Someone who works with airplanes

This career interests me because:
I am fascinated by airplanes ... they unite the world.

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
Junior youth classes

Virtues I admire most: Patience, leadership, kindness

A hero or role model:
My parents

Hobbies or sports:
Soccer, skiing, and music. I make music with software, and I play piano and saxophone.

Place I'd love to visit: Hawaii

To help people get along in peace, I'd:
Schedule get-togethers for people so they could get to know each other

To help the world, I'd like to invent:
Something that could suck up pollution

What gives me hope:
Saying prayers and talking about it

To bring positivity to myself and others, I can:
Tell a joke

I'm thankful for:
My home, my family, and the ability to go places

Jackson E.

Age: 12

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

I want to be:
Engineer or astronomer

This career interests me because:
I like building things, and I like astronomy.

Virtue I admire most: **Kindness**

Hobbies or sports:
Swimming and whittling

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
[Going to] Green Acre Bahá'í School [in Maine, U.S.]

Favorite animal or pet:
Andi, my pet dog

To bring positivity to myself and others, I can:
Pray

I'm thankful for:
My family, my friends, and my pets

A hero or role model:
Bahá'u'lláh

To help people get along in peace, I'd:
Remind people of the virtues with which they were endowed

To help the world, I'd like to invent:
An electric car that would never have to be recharged

What gives me hope:
God is always watching over me, and when I'm worried, I can ask Him for help.



Mya T.

Age: 11

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

I want to be: **Doctor**

This career interests me because:
I like caring for people when they are sick.

Virtue I admire most:
Compassion

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
19-day Feast**

Favorite foods:
Fufu (dumplings made of yam flour) and eru (a vegetable from Cameroon served with spinach, dried shrimp and fish, and beef)

A hero or role model:
My cousin Yovita

I'm thankful for:
Family, the Sun, and God

Favorite animal: **Giraffe**

To help the world, I'd like to invent:
The cure for cancer

What gives me hope:
I think of the worst thing that can happen. Then I usually am calmed down.

To bring positivity to myself and others, I can:
Help people with what they're doing, or even just smile



“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

Karmila R.

Age: 12

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

I want to be:
I'm not completely sure, but forensic science is something that seems pretty cool.

This career interests me because:
I enjoy investigating and figuring things out.

Virtue I admire most: **Empathy**

Hobbies or sports:
Softball, piano, guitar, singing, and poetry

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
Devotionals*

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

A hero or role model:
[Supreme Court Justice] Ruth Bader Ginsburg

To bring positivity to myself and others, I can:
Make people happy



To help people get along in peace:
All the cultures can come together and build communities that follow the laws of God for this day.

To help the world:
I think instead of creating new inventions, we could try to educate people more. Inventions could force people to think a certain way . . . Education lets people have the resources to understand something, but still lets them think for themselves.

I'm thankful for:
My guitar, my voice, and my sisters

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!

*Devotionals are gatherings for sharing prayers, holy writings, and music.

**Feast is a Bahá'í community gathering with prayers, consultation, and fellowship.

Nuri H.

Age: 11

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

I want to be:
Entrepreneur (my own business/food business), botanist, astrobiologist, zoologist, chef/baker, artist, architect

This career interests me because:
I can impact the world in multiple ways.

Favorite Bahá'í activities:
Studying Bahá'í writings, visiting temples and shrines

What gives me hope:
The people who are changing the world in positive ways

A hero or role model:
[Artist] Bob Ross (he had love for all things)

I'm thankful for:
My cat, dog, family, and food

To help people get along in peace, I'd:
Sit down with different people from each culture and faith and listen to what they believe . . . [Then] I'd research and present a compromise to settle [conflicts].

To help the world, I'd like to invent:
A way to provide all of the things required to live on another planet



Kaiya B.

Age: 11

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

I want to be:
A music conductor

This career interests me because:
I love music and seeing people progress to make an awesome concert.

Virtue I admire most:
Truthfulness

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
Learning Ruhi Book 1* in Japanese

A hero or role model:
My teacher, Mrs. Sakura, for always being patient and kind

To help people get along in peace, I'd:
Make sure everyone learns about the Bahá'í Faith



To help the world, I'd like to invent:
A medical cure for ALS (a disease)

What gives me hope:
Knowing that I have a lot of friends and family that love and support me

To bring positivity to myself and others, I can:
Tell people funny jokes

I'm thankful for:
My mom beating cancer, my dad, and all my friends that make me laugh every day

Elowen L.

Age: 10

I live in: **New Mexico, U.S.**

I want to be:
Orthopedic surgeon

This career interests me because:
I love to help injured people.

Virtue I admire most:
Truthfulness

Favorite Bahá'í activities:
Children's class and devotionals

Place I'd love to visit: **Dubai [United Arab Emirates]**

Hobbies or sports:
Drawing and skiing

To help people get along in peace, I'd:
Stop racism and discrimination [against] women in the world and make sure [people who are] homeless and poor all have a fair share

To help the world, I'd like to invent:
A machine to stop ocean pollution and littering and clean vandalism

What gives me hope:
Thinking about all the good things in life and not focusing on bad moments

To bring positivity to myself and others, I can:
Always be truthful, kind, and generous



Kaya E.

Age: 10

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

I want to be:
Professional jazz drummer

This career interests me because:
I love music, and it makes me excited when I play it!

Hobbies or sports:
Soccer, drums, upright bass, guitar, ukulele, accordion, reading

Favorite Bahá'í activity:
Ayyám-i-Há**

Place I'd love to visit:
Türkiye, so I can see my Turkish family

A hero or role model:
Dizzy Gillespie, a Bahá'í jazz musician

Virtue I admire most:
Creativity

A favorite food: **Sushi**



I'm thankful for:
Food, water, and family

To help people get along in peace, I'd:
Take away all weapons so there would be no wars

To help the world, I'd like to invent:
A machine that sucks up carbon dioxide for less global warming

What gives me hope:
Playing music

To bring positivity to myself and others, I can:
Always keep a sense of humor!