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Drug Free Clubs of America Scholarship Essay

As a senior at Springfield Clark CTC, I've been in the Drug Free Clubs of America for two years. I currently participate in our work placement program. I chose to join DFCA because I knew that this would give me an advantage as I started to apply for jobs. Now, I see that being in this club benefited me in other ways as well. I remember the first time DFCA came to the school to test everyone. I was super nervous and ashamed, I didn't know what I was going to say to my parents that I had just failed a drug test. The weekend before I was with one of my friends and he had a CBD gummy. I had never done anything like that before and wasn't sure about it but I tried it anyway. My parents were very disappointed in me and I was disappointed in myself as well.

After that day, I decided that I would not do anything I did not want to do or wasn't sure about. The risk to reward is too great to try substances like that just to feel different for a small amount of time. Every month after that initial test, I took a drug test when the DFCA came to school. I have passed every one then. Being in this club has helped me to think more before doing something that could affect my school, job, athletic abilities and opportunities. Seeing first hand, the consequences of trying drugs has helped me make the commitment to be drug free. It has also helped me to just do what I want to do, not what other people are doing, and to not care what anyone else thinks.

Recently, I went and hung out with a bunch of friends. There was someone there who I wasn't very familiar with and he offered me a marijuana vape. I politely declined and just went on about my business. When he asked why not I said that I just do not want to and that I am also in the DFCA. It made me feel good that I just said no because I did not want to do it.

I believe DFCA has helped my friends by showing them that doing drugs is terrible for you and if their parents found out they wouldn't know what to think. I have had quite a few of my friends join the DFCA as well. It keeps everyone accountable to do the right thing and make positive choices. I have also talked to some friends who used to use substances more often than not and told them about what it's doing to them and how it would benefit them if they gave it up.

In conclusion, being part of Drug Free Clubs of America has made a positive influence on me. Even though it started out rough, I am glad that I have been given the opportunity to participate in this club through Springfield Clark CTC.