

My name is Abby Johnson. I am eighteen year old daughter of Scott and Patti Johnson of Farwell, Texas. I have two younger sisters and an older brother. My parents have owned and operated a silage harvesting business and farmed since before I was born. Almost all of my earliest memories are when I was out in the fields riding in the choppers, tractors or trucks. What a great way to grow up!

My parent's main goal was to keep me alive and out of the way of the machinery before I was five. My siblings and I were always running around playing on and all over the equipment like it was a playground just for us! By then, it was my job to help my mother fix lunches for the workers and to help her track down all the personnel so we could get them some food! I used to love the attention from the crew, the little blonde girl making ham sandwiches, but when I became older and busier, I couldn't go out into the field and help out. Nevertheless, my daddy always found office work and organization projects that would help the business from "Ground Zero" when he was off working.

Being raised around the harvesting business was a dream come true for a rural kid like me. I love green fields, the big tires you can sit in, and the places I've traveled to because of the harvest. I have gotten to be with my daddy and benefit from his knowledge and insight. I learned to swim in the motel swimming pools where we stayed in the summer. I lived in cramped motel rooms with my parents and siblings for months at a time. I've eaten about a million sandwiches on harvest, and to be honest, sandwiches are one of my favorite meals! I remember having summer birthday parties in the motel room for my younger sisters. I've learned that hard work and long hours are necessary for businesses and families to grow. Because of my background and involvement in management skills in the office, I have decided to major in Organizational Management at Lubbock Christian University in the fall of 2012. I plan on continuing to assist my family business whenever I can. I hope to return to the harvesting business upon earning my degree. I appreciate your consideration for this scholarship.

