

True Grit

No one I know exemplifies true grit like my friend Bryce Samples. With an active duty soldier father and a mother with a disability, Bryce has had a unique childhood and role in his household. He puts forth 100% effort in everything he does, from sports to school to helping others. He is resilient when obstacles come his way.

Bryce is very adaptable to new situations. Since his father is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army, he and his family have lived all over the country. Bryce has started at new schools in Michigan, Florida, Kansas and North Carolina in just the last six years. Being able to pick up, move on short notice and start over in a new place takes a lot of courage and determination.

Bryce is a leader in his family. His mother has a serious balance disorder that makes it hard for her to walk. Each time his father has been deployed, Bryce has stepped up as a caretaker for both his mother and his younger sister, Morin. Bryce and Morin have an especially close bond because he has done so much to help her and he cares about her so much.

Bryce also displays grit in his determination to achieve his personal goals. He is currently a junior in high school who has straight A's, plays and excels in multiple school sports, and is a leader among his peers. Bryce strives to get the highest grades he

possibly can because he wants to attend the Air Force Academy and become a pilot. At his school, he plays basketball and is one of the best runners on his cross country team.

Most importantly, though, Bryce displays great character. He is honest, he looks out for others, and he encourages his peers to be the best versions of themselves.

Bryce Samples is a great example of someone with true grit. He pushes through when he encounters difficulties and is diligent when he wants to achieve something. Even when things are hard for him, Bryce never gives up. He has all the makings of a future American hero.