



**AGE:** 14

**LOCATION:**  
Chocowinity, NC

## Celebrating Success and Transforming Lives.

*"I feel like the laptop will help me to get my schoolwork done when I need it. My mom is struggling to get clothes right now, so this award will help me and my family. I have to keep my grades up and the computer will really help. I want to maybe go to college and study building or something like that.... I thank you all!"*

### MAURICE

The Eckerd Connects Success Award recognizes individuals who have overcome adversity, demonstrated resilience, and achieved remarkable success through their involvement with Eckerd Connects programs. These inspiring stories showcase the transformative impact of our programs in empowering individuals to overcome obstacles and build a brighter future.

**SUCCESS AWARD:** Acquisition of Shoes, Clothing, and a Laptop.

Maurice has struggled with academics and with managing strong feelings at school. Going to the Eckerd Boys Residential Academy at Candor has made a huge difference in his life as he is proving to himself what a hard worker and compassionate person he can be. Maurice has volunteered 37 hours of community service since starting at the Academy.

This Eckerd Connects' program helps 13 to 17-year-olds involved in the Juvenile Justice System in need of a second chance. Since coming to Candor, Maurice has dramatically improved how he handles his emotions. He has learned to try his hardest in school, even when frustrated, turning to his teachers and other resources for help. An 8th grader and loyal son, Maurice comes from a household with three other children where money is tight despite having a mother who works full-time. He wants to help his family and winning the Eckerd Connects' Success Award has made this possible by providing shoes, clothing and laptop to help him to continue to improve in school.

This resilient young man has a new outlook on life and his journey is truly inspiring.

### HOW TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESS AWARD:

Your support can make a difference in the lives of individuals striving for success. Consider making a contribution to the Eckerd Connects Success Award to help us continue our mission of transforming lives. Visit our donation page to contribute and make a positive impact today.

### ADDITIONAL STATS:

- Maurice's volunteer work has included light maintenance and cleaning.
- He also plans to participate in community clean-up days when he returns home.
- Maurice has made great strides and is learning to trust advice given by adults.

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