Equal Opportunities

All students deserve equal opportunities in education and life. Life is difficult without an education. If students are not given equality in education, they will not have equal opportunities in getting the lifestyle they want for themselves. There are so many things that stand in the way of a good education. I think that the most important are address, family, and teachers.

A student's address should not matter when it comes to getting a good education. The schools in L.A are not the ones that every kid is dying to go to. The schools do not give required classes and they do not have the right materials. L.A is so big and seems like a poor city but it's not. It is just cheap. Children in L.A are not given the same opportunities as the kids that live in Santa Monica. It is not fair because these kids want to graduate from high school, but they are not given the right classes or they are told that they do not need them.

Families have a big role in children's lives. There are children who have to take on the role of the parent. There are parents who are not capable of handling their responsibilities for some reason. Usually the oldest child or only child will become the adult. My mother really wanted to go to school, but her mother could not take care of her and her siblings. They were all separated and put to work by the families that took them in. It was unfair that my mom had no education because her mother was not responsible enough to take care of her own children. My mother's family could not support her, and for this reason my mother had to quit school at a very young age to support herself.

Teachers are the best. I feel that teaching is the most rewarding job. Teachers are paid enough. Without them there would be no scientist, doctors, lawyers, etc. Teachers create these people. Not all teachers are good. Every
student will experience one bad teacher. When I was younger; I don't remember exactly how old I was, but I had a teacher that kept me quiet for many years. I was in elementary school when a teacher told me it was better I kept my mouth shut because what I said was not important and would never matter. Ever since that day I have been very quiet. I was always scared to share my ideas because I didn't want to feel stupid for saying something that people would not agree with. This year I finally got the confidence to talk and give my opinions. There will always be teachers that won't let children get ahead, but students have to stand strong and fight for what they want.

In conclusion I would like to say that children just have to fight for what they want. They should not give up so easily. No matter how hard situations get, never give up. "You don't lose by getting knocked down, you lose by staying down," by anonymous.