

# Bryce Zirfas

My name is Bryce Zirfas. I was born on August 12, 1993 in Wichita, Kansas. I am currently attending Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Ks. I am pursuing a degree in Biology. I plan to use my education to continue on in a career of a conservation officer. I am from a small town of Douglass, Ks and tried to be involved with the community the best I could.

When I was a little kid I began hunting and fishing as early as I could shoot a gun and throw a fishing pole. The outdoors has been a major part of my life ever since then. Ever since I began seeing people poach and do other illegal things to animals it made me sick and I wanted to stop it. I started looking around to see what I could do about it. About the age of ten I decided I would like to be a game warden.

During high school I was very active in sports. I played football all four years, baseball one year, and wrestling three years. I try to achieve in everything I do and sports were something very important to me. The Douglass football team might not have been the best football team (1-8), but I never gave up. I knew that as long as everyone kept trying and continued to try and succeed, then eventually the program would get turned around. I was just as involved in my academics as I was in sports. I knew that sports wouldn't get me as far in life as my education. I worked hard to get the good grades I got and was only looking towards having a future.

My sophomore year of high school was probably the worst year of my life so far. About half way through my sophomore year I moved out of my mother's house. My mother wanted nothing to do with me. I was never sure why she didn't really want anything to do with me and my older brother, Brandon, who was a junior at the time. We moved out to our grandparents, but that didn't make things much better. My brother and I still had to come up with money to pay the debts our mom left us with. Our mom had left us with cell phone and car insurance bills that hadn't been paid in the last year. With no one to help us out, Brandon and I weren't going to let anything hold us back. We bought some chainsaws with the little money we did have and started cutting firewood to sell.

After about a year my brother and I eventually got caught up on the bills and tried to only better ourselves. We have been independent ever since we were teenagers and had to grow up a little faster than most. My brother went off to college to be a diesel mechanic. After graduating he got a job at Doonan Truck and Equipment of Wichita. My brother has only further encouraged me to have something to look forward to if you just keep working towards it. I am going to be furthering my education and every little bit a money helps.

I think it is just amazing that the Used Truck Association tries to help out students and help further their education. I greatly appreciate everything that you guys have done for students in the past and students coming up in the future. Thank you very much for

your time and consideration of my application. If there is any other questions you have for me don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Bryce Zirfas