

## Why I am Proud to be an American

On July 4th, 1776, the wonderland we understand as America today was born. A place that has been celebrated for its brilliance for hundreds of years. A place that is more than just a country; it is a family.

America's family is unique. We fight for one another, join forces, and tirelessly help each other. We never let each other down and constantly care for each other. We come together and protest for what feels most important to us. We do not always agree, but we still respect each other.

We feel very fortunate to be defended by the United States Military, who sacrifice their lives to keep us safe. Recently on Veteran's Day, I found myself reflecting on the many veterans who have served our country and what an important part of history they all are.

Why is America called "The Land Of The Free"? It contains the single most distinct set of rights anywhere in the world. The Bill of Rights embodies the ten amendments that piece our nation together. In it, we embrace modifications that grant us great freedoms in our country.

America has so many opportunities that make it the world's most renowned country. Over 1 million people immigrate to America every year to get a better job and a better life. So many countries fail to support their citizens by limiting their rights and potential. My mother and her family came to America when she was a young 8-year-old child. They wanted to pursue a better life full of greater opportunities for all of them, including their 4 legged family member.

We cherish cultivating memories with those we love. We pray for lots of time to spend with those we care about the most. With the protection of the amazing men and women of the US Military, we are granted these great opportunities. In many ways America is truly magical, and the love of each other and our country connects us all.

This is why I am proud to be an American.

