

The COVID-19 Pandemic has positively affected my college aspirations. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many schools became test optional; meaning that your test scores wouldn't affect your admission. I think this was a great thing to happen because many students were given the opportunity to get into their dream schools due to this option. I was able to get into all of the schools that I applied to because the majority of them were test optional. Although my test scores were good; this meant that I did not have to continue to take the ACT/SAT numerous times trying to improve my test scores. I think that this option should stand forever because it allows students to not worry about their test scores being too low to get into a school that they really want to go to. I am still an exceptional student with good grades; but the test optional feature definitely helped my college admission process.

The pandemic did not change my choice of career fields. In my career after high school, I would like to attend an HBCU and study in either communications or sports journalism. I want to be either a sports analyst or work in the social media field in relations with the Atlanta Hawks. I also would love to be the Hawks' social media manager. I plan on getting to this point by studying hard in college and taking advantage of every opportunity to network. This strategy will help me be in the position that I want to be in after college to prepare for the workforce. Also, I will get an internship during my time in college, so that I can get real world work experience.

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 Pandemic had a negative impact on a lot of people, places and things. However, the test optional policy during the pandemic has benefited myself and students around the country. Additionally, the test optional policy has helped to increase enrollment in many colleges and universities. Moreover, the test optional policy allowed the colleges and universities to take a look at the whole student and not just the student's test scores.