

TASA Educational Award Winner

**Sheila Flowers**

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*My name is Sheila Flowers and I am an eighteen-year-old teen mom. Being a teen mom has opened my eyes to a different world than what I once knew. Since learning of my pregnancy, things seemed to drastically get harder for me. I was a senior in high school with an average of 89.8. Shocking but things do happen and I am a living testament to that. I was determined to graduate from high school, and then attend the college of my choice. However it was more difficult to do, especially carrying a fetus inside of me.*

*Motivated by my surroundings, I am proud to say that I graduated this June from Bayside High School with an Advance Regents Diploma. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend my dream school, Georgetown University, but I am pleased to say that I am attending Long Island University CW Post.*

*There was not much help around until I found this excellent program for pregnant teens, called TASA. This program wants to see teens like me succeed. TASA has really extended its arm to help me mother my son, Prince-Jayden Flowers. Now I plan on showing TASA that I am appreciative of their help and that I will continue to do right by my son and by TASA, by continuing my education and striving for the best, day by day. It is not an easy road but a program like TASA by my side motivates me each step of the way.*

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