## The America I Believe In

I believe in the same America as the founding fathers — the America where people can choose their own path in life, and where they feel safe enough to become who they want to be. This is the America I believe in.

As an American, I am so blessed. One of the most significant ideas in our history is freedom. In the United States, I will be able to choose my job, school, and living space. I can decide my religion, and practice it freely. If I have something to say, I can say it. If my grandpa wants to carry a gun, he is allowed to do so. My mom is able to vote for any candidate in an election. As Americans, we are free to make our own choices, and that is not the case in many countries. The America I believe in is the land of the free.

America is a unique nation. In the United States, we each have an equal opportunity to reach the American Dream. This dream is different for every person, and that is what makes us special. It takes effort, but we can shape our own future here. This is why America is extraordinary —if we work hard enough, we can become the people we want to be. As Americans, we have the choice to construct our own lives. The America I believe in is the nation where dreams can come true.

To truly appreciate my freedom, I must consider the price of freedom. Many American men and women have paid that price — with their comfort, their sanity, or even their lives. These people sacrificed themselves so that we may preserve our lives and freedoms. These are our Armed Forces. There are also Americans who confront

the streets to enforce the law. Some men and women do a demanding, challenging job in order to protect us. These are our police. As Americans, we defend each other, and we have each other's backs. The America I believe in is truly the home of the brave.

Every American is different. We come from various cities, states, or even countries. Some of us enjoy sports, and others prefer music or art. We each have an original story. We are unique, but we are also united. We live in America, the home of freedom, bravery, and dreams. This is the America I believe in.