

Career Exploration—Marissa Collier

My dream job is to be a music teacher for an elementary school. What I would like to do, as being a music teacher, is to teach children instruments and the use of their vocal cords. I would also like to teach them how music can change the world for themselves. The reason I would like to have this job is to change kids' lives with music. I would like to see children love music the way I do and to help them have confidence in themselves.

What I could do now to prepare for my dream job is to keep on practicing with music and to never give up.

I enjoy singing with the Nashville Children's Choir. We have a professional practice every week, and twice a year, we have concerts. This prepares me to be a music teacher because I have learned about vocal ranges and how to challenge my voice. I have also learned how to conduct with a steady beat and to always smile and enjoy yourself.

I take guitar lessons at my school. During these lessons, I have learned about chords and different pitches you can play on the guitar. From my guitar teacher, I have learned to always be playful with the song. This helps the students enjoy the music.

I have also taken piano lessons. My piano teacher is so cool and I love learning from her. She always tells me about different chords to make songs sound classical, but also fun. She also makes it seem like we are playing music and making your hands move, instead of like you're only having a lesson.

This is my dream job. I hope I always pursue my dreams and I wish the same for other people.