

Ashley Gayle Haws

Ashley Haws, the daughter of Tina Haws, cannot recall a time without hearing loss. Although she realized she could not hear people speaking to her, it was several years before she was officially diagnosed with a hearing loss. Fortunately, she had an empathetic first grade teacher who helped in the process of getting hearing aids. Ashley found she was able to hear so much better with hearing aids.

There were many challenges during her school years, adjusting to wearing hearing aids, learning to be responsible to wear her hearing aids and always having to sit near the teachers. She faced challenges with her first job as she was unable to wear her hearing aids with her required headset. Fortunately, Ashley updated her hearing aids and the new aids were bluetooth compatible, which made hearing in her classes and on the telephone amazing. Then there was the challenge of having a school year with distance learning and people wearing masks, all very frustrating.

Ashley's future plans are to work in the medical field. She plans to start in the college of nursing and her goal is to save someone's life from a bad accident and help them recover. Although she has had her share of life challenges, she just wants to work hard and help others.