

My name is McKinley Grooms. I was born in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, where I still reside, with my sister, Georgia, and both parents.

Growing up in the South has offered many opportunities for hunting and fishing. I love all types of hunting, but my favorite is duck hunting. I also enjoy fishing in the Waccamaw River and in the local creeks.

I have played shortstop and second base on the varsity baseball team for three years and prior to that, two years on the junior varsity team. I have been selected to play in the North/South All-Star game for my region this year. I was also a member of the Key Club and Student Council during high school.

I am an active member at Pawleys Island Community Church, where I have served in many outreach programs with the youth.

I have worked numerous jobs since the age of fifteen including restaurants, golf courses and a beach club. My current summer job is at the Pawleys Island Outdoors, which is a sporting goods store.

I will be graduating from Waccamaw High School on June 1, 2017, and attending The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, where I intend to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering.