

The Race: *Qualifiers*

Take one step forward if:

- There were 50 or more books in your house when you were growing up
- There was a computer in your house
- Both your parents had savings accounts
- You saw adults reading in your home on a regular basis
- Your family took vacations regularly other than to visit relatives
- Your parents have a second home or summer home
- Your family's recreation costs money, like skiing
- You had a car in high school
- You attended private school
- You have a relative or friend who holds a position of power in the community or company
- You attended camp in the summer
- Your parents owned their own home
- You had your own savings account as a kid
- You have ever dined in a restaurant without being concerned about the prices on the menu
- Your family ever owned real silverware or china
- You have ever traveled abroad for educational or recreational purposes
- Christmas presents were more things you wanted than necessities
- You normally get new clothes each school year
- Your parents went to college
- You are going to school more than 1 hour from home
- You had an allowance growing up
- You always had a telephone in your house
- You have a cell phone

Take one step back if:

- You had to have a job in high school to help support the family
- You are from a single parent female-headed household and money is always a problem
- A family member ever had to sell or pawn something to pay for necessities
- A parent was often unemployed (not by choice)
- Your parents lived from paycheck to paycheck
- Family decisions are made solely on the basis of money or the lack thereof
- You qualified for free or reduced lunches
- You attended college completely dependent on financial aid
- A parent was partially or fully illiterate
- Any family member was or is on welfare

- Abandoned houses are within half-mile of where you lived when you grew up
- You have had to have a job in college (or work in anyway for money)
- A family member belonged to a union
- Your parents ever delayed paying monthly bills due to lack of funds
- You do not trust police officers
- A member of your family abused drugs or alcohol
- You have a visible or non-visible disability
- You have ever gone to a store and felt like you were being watched
- You have ever been talked down to because of your age
- Your family has been on some form of government assistance at least once in your life
- You have to conceal who you are because you are afraid of being ostracized, ridiculed, beaten, or killed
- Your religious practices/believes are not aligned with Christianity