

America's Gift to My Generation

In America, all things are possible. It doesn't matter where you were born or where you live today. We have endless opportunities to learn, grow, and think and dream beyond and into a better future. We can say and write what we think without fear or repercussion. There are endless paths to educate ourselves and imagine a life of living up to our full God-given potential. Through that education, we are empowered and become resolute in pursuing our passions and our happiness.

Through hard work and sacrifice each one of us seeks the promise of living the American dream, something that has always set our country apart. America offers us an opportunity to pursue our dreams with limitless and unbounded imagination. Our great country offers us a fair and decent shot at life through the doors of opportunity that have been opened for us. Our effort and determination are guaranteed with just rewards. We have the opportunity, tools and resources necessary to envision and shape the next century and carry forward our country's legacy and contribute a great chapter to our Nation's story. Our generation can forge a brighter future for ourselves, our children and grandchildren, and future generations. That is the inheritance we owe them.

We must fully participate in the political process without hesitation or complacency and know the immensity of that cast vote and the difference it makes in achieving the change we desire. Our generation has been blessed with the freedom to make of our lives what we will, but we also have the obligation to treat others with respect and dignity. It is our task to make the rights and values of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness real for every person living in America. Freedom is not reserved for a few or happiness for the fortunate.

Now it is our turn. Our turn to ask ourselves, as President John F. Kennedy did in his inaugural address on January 20, 1961, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." America has given my generation limitless possibilities. It is our duty to carry this torch forward for future generations. We have the power to set our country's course. We should not just be a nation of takers but a generation free to take risks that make America greater than it has ever been, for all.