

My name is Sawyer Gray. I am 14 years old and today I am going to convey to you what a patriot is and how I act as a patriot in my community.

A patriot is someone who vigorously supports their country and is willing to defend it against enemies or adversaries. More simply, a patriot is someone who will do anything that is within their power to save, protect, and encourage their country.

The way that I show patriotism in my community is by showing respect to my active duty neighbors. I stand still with my hand on my heart when the national anthem plays. I donate clothes and toys to Airman's Attic. I show respect to the gate guards when we are entering base or coming home to our house, and I babysit for active duty members at a low price so they can focus on their family and budget and not worry about the cost of childcare.

These small actions I take are among the many ways that I attempt to show patriotism in my community. I hope that my small actions are an encouragement to other children to be patriots in their community as well.