## **2012 AAU Gymnastics Scholarship Award Winner**

## **Ellie Kercher**

Ellie Kercher is from the Michigan District. From the time she started gymnastics at mom & tot classes,( at the age of 2) to her final competition reaching the 'ladies' age group division, gymnastics has shaped her life every day. Competing in the AAU Junior Olympic Games for the past 5 years has been some of her greatest accomplishments. The journeys that

this sport has taken Ellie on are too numerous to count and the experience she has gained throughout her 16 years will enrich the rest of her life. The determination, discipline, excitement, victory, and defeat of this sport has trained Ellie not only to do well at her competitions, but also for the rest of her life. Ellie has absolutely fallen in love with the sport of gymnastics and



cannot imagine her life without it. Gymnastics is her lifestyle not just another sport.