

# LeBron James

LeBron Raymone James Sr. was born on December 30, 1984 in Akron, OH to a teen mother and felon father. He was raised by his single mother, Gloria, but she struggled to find work which resulted in them not having much money and facing significant challenges.



Local youth football coach Frank Walker took LeBron under his wing and let him stay with his family, introducing him to basketball where his undeniable talent was soon shown. His fifth-grade basketball team won national championships, bringing LeBron and the other members of the “Fab Five” outstanding youth basketball players local and national attention. They decided to attend St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, which was private, Catholic, and predominantly white in a decision that was met with significant pushback.



# Black History

In high school, LeBron continued to make national news; his talent was making headlines. He chose not to go to college following graduation and was instead the number one draft pick for the NBA 2003 draft. He has gone on to win four NBA championships, four NBA MVP trophies, and two Olympic gold medals and has been selected as an NBA All-Star 18 times. In summary, he's a G.O.A.T.



Aside from athletic dominance, LeBron is also an outspoken social activist. He has been incredibly active in advocating for racial equity, particularly through his LeBron James Family Foundation and the I Promise School. He has poured millions of dollars into lifting Akron city youth out of poverty and getting them on the path to college, sticking with them from childhood into early adulthood and beyond. Thanks to these programs, over 800 kids are on the path to graduation.





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Lebron's legacy in basketball and society is unmatched: his athletic excellence, social involvement, and philanthropy have unequivocally changed the world

