



*M*y name is Taylor Swift. I was born on December 13, 1989, in Reading, Pennsylvania. I grew up in a small town nearby, called Wyomissing, on a Christmas tree farm with my parents and my younger brother, Austin. My mom ran the farm and my dad worked for a financial company.

I've known I wanted to be a country music star since I was six years old, when I got my very first country music **album**, *Blue*, by LeAnn Rimes. I listened to it over and over until I had memorized every song. My parents encouraged my dream by enrolling me in singing lessons.

