

Paul Silver Tribute Essay

Alport Syndrome is my God-given gift that has had a positive impact on my life. Yes, it may seem like a burden, but it is my uniqueness, it is what sets me apart from the others. The area that has had the most impact on my life is the hearing loss, needing hearing aids at age 9, which I wear to this day. I currently take medication twice a day for my condition. However, Alport Syndrome has not stopped me from living a normal life. I do what other people do, I don't restrict myself to certain physical activity, and I live my life to its fullest.

In high school, I was a 2 sport athlete, lettering in football, and track. I was always told to be cautious about the sports I played, but I am a passion-driven individual; there was nothing that would stand in between me and sports. Whenever I am not playing sports, some of my hobbies include running, weight lifting, playing basketball, spending time on the river with my friends, Frisbee golfing, playing trumpet, and spending time with my family. I am extremely musically inclined, as I won many honors in high school, including the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. I also performed at the Chicago Heritage Festival in 2013, winning a silver medal. I regularly attend church, and I play drums in the worship team band every Sunday. I participate in community outreach days with my church, as well as an annual day of service here at my university. I also hope to join the track or football team here at the University of Mary.

I wish to use this award to put towards my college tuition, to reduce the financial stress that has been put on me and my family of 6, and to further my education in my selected major, healthcare administration. College tuition is quite expensive, but it is worth the time, money, and effort put forward to help others in the future. With a major in healthcare administration,

I hope to work in a clinical environment, helping people of all ages receive the healthcare they deserve. In the long run, I hope to manage the business portion of the physical therapy clinic that a close friend plans to open. With the receipt of this award, I plan to continue to fulfill my goals of receiving my healthcare administration major, which will greatly benefit my life, as well as better the lives of my patients.

Thank you for considering me for the award, it would be a great honor to receive the money to help me reach my goals.