

2010 Scholarship Essay

There isn't much to say about myself that hasn't already been said. My name is Lindsay, and I am from and go to school in Needles, California. In the spirit of Journey, I'm just a small town girl living in a lonely world and I'm hoping to take the midnight train going anywhere. If the financial aide comes through, I will be one of the first in my family to receive a college diploma.

In this small town, you have to be a star athlete to get attention when it comes to scholarships and school wide awards- when you are someone like me, a quiet theater girl, you have to reach above and beyond to get noticed (hence the Journey reference). I like to think of myself as being my own hero and my own mentor, simply because I think looking up to someone can lead to immense amounts of disappointment. I have dealt with many things that no teenager should, and I know that I came out of it with my head still on my shoulders and my strings still attached. I am my own hero because I have the strength to live through the things that I have and I know that at the end of the day, my thoughts and my opinions are the ones that matter the most.

I know that through schooling I can make a life for myself where I can rely on what I know and use my own capabilities to succeed in life. In my four (or maybe six) years of schooling, I will receive a masters in behavioral sciences and minor in theater arts; I hope that a masters degree will give me an extra advantage over other people in the work force because I plan on starting my career as soon as I leave college.

I believe that I deserve this scholarship because while I may not be an all star or the smartest student in my class, I am capable and I am ambitious in what I want; I have persevered this far in life and I will continue to do so in the future. More important though is that I have no financial sources to pay for college. My parents are lower class and have no money to contribute, nor does my family, and I am considered homeless in the state of California. No one is financially responsible for me and I am living with a family friend in California until my schooling is completed.

I'm asking please; don't rule out someone because they are not perfect, because everyone deserves a chance and I know that I have what it requires to take that midnight train to a good, successful life. Don't stop believing. Thank you.