

Jiffy Lube Scholarship Application

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Growing up as a kid with a lot of health issues and recently diagnosed with multiple disabilities, I always had the dream to be able to help people. I never had an interest in being a doctor due to the cost and physical requirements of an employee at a hospital, and only ever being told the only path to heal people like me was to be a medical professional quickly smothered that dream in my head. In my sophomore year I began attending Bridgerland Technical College for the Automation and Manufacturing program to try and find a career path that would fit me and that's how I got interested in robotics. This program has been exciting, enjoyable, and has opened so many possibilities for me I had given up on years ago. Realizing the scale of the knowledge and work I've gotten acclimated to, I would like to try and pursue the medical path through automation and robotics and work with two studies I adore. I want to be a biomedical engineer through my Bridgerland certificate and transfer the credits to a larger medical school once I complete it.

When I daydream about being able to put my own thoughts and creativity into a tool made to give people a portion of their life back, I think back to the child inside me who wanted the same as I do. I consider how many times I've smelled the same clean hospital scent and was told that there was nothing to be done about the pain I carry every single day, that there is no fix or help other than simply limiting myself down to 'what can I handle today?', and to know that there are millions of other people that feel the same as I do gives me a determination to leave at the very least a thumbprint on the track to improving the odds. I'd like to give options to people who can't afford chances, much like I couldn't. I'd like to rebuild the foundations of what it means to have a lifelong condition, engineer nerve treatments and prosthetics so people don't have to ask, 'What can I handle today?' for every step they take. I believe the cost of help for disabled people is costly on a level it's hard to perceive if you're not facing the same battle. With

my experience being in the community of people I want to help; I'd like to push our disability healthcare in a better path for both others and the sick child I once was.

For every goal I set, I want to prove that I can accomplish that life despite the setbacks I may have. I'd like to imagine that someday, a child will have a chance at a better life and maybe, just maybe, I left an impact to push that life towards improvement. I've always known that this is what I'd like to leave behind, and I never intend to change that dream again.

Thank you for reading -Cole