

Delta County Democratic Scholarship



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Delta County Democratic Scholarship Application for 2017-2018

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1. Describe your involvement in school and the community during the past four years.

During my four years of high school at Hotchkiss, I have spent four years on the football team, track and field team, and the drama club; I have spent three years as a part of student government, National Honor Society, and as an announcer for Hotchkiss Basketball and Wrestling events; and I have spent my past senior year as a part of the wrestling team. My junior and senior year, I was the captain for my football team as well as the Student Body President. My senior year, I was the vice president of our National Honor Society chapter.

Outside of the high school, I've worked as a Red Cross Lifeguard, Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (swimming teacher), and a water aerobics teacher at the North Fork Pool for four seasons to date. I have also worked as a ranch hand for Wapiti Hills Angus for several summers and as a ground laborer for the Black Canyon Arbor Care Company for two years.

In the community, I have been a lector (reader) at my catholic church for four years, a teen volunteer for the upcoming organization in the North Fork, A Little Help, for over a year, and I have volunteered for numerous seasonal events like the Town of Hotchkiss Thanksgiving Dinner, Hotchkiss Youth Football Camp, North Fork Children's Christmas Party, Hotchkiss Lions' Club fair concession stand, and the Hotchkiss K-8 Knowledge Bowl competition.

2. Briefly describe someone who has made a significant impact on your education and why they were influential.

Al Williams has been one of the most influential characters of my education. During middle school, I went to the Delta Academy of Applied Learning (a charter school with less than thirty students) where Mr. Williams was the science

teacher. He not only sparked my passion of science and math, but he also made me the hard worker that I am today. With Mr. Williams, he made science less about reading boring textbooks, and more about discovering strange and unique things about the world. He also constantly demanded the absolute most from me and was the first teacher to ever give me a "D" on a test.

3. Describe your performance in school in terms of grade point average or accomplishments.

At Hotchkiss High School, I hold a 4.20 weighted GPA and a 4.00 unweighted GPA. I am currently ranked first in my class (not tied). I have received the outstanding student award for fourteen of the classes I've taken, the Hotchkiss Alumni Group outstanding student award for three years in a row, the Hotchkiss Masonic Lodge Outstanding Junior Award, the Colorado School of Mines Medal of Achievement in Math and Science, and the University of Colorado Outstanding Junior Award. Not only that, but I've been the Senior of the Month for the local Elks' Club (September) and a part of the Academic Spotlight for the First Colorado National Bank (October). I have also received a perfect score on two Advanced Placement Tests (Physics 1 and American History).

4. What are your plans after your leave high school?

After high school, I am planning on either attending the Colorado School of Mines or the University of Colorado to earn a degree in either electrical, physics, or mechanical engineering. With a degree, I hope to secure a job where I can use the math and science I have learned to create something great. I'd like to be able to collaborate my ideas in a group and be able to physically work with whatever I'm designing. Recently, I was privileged with the opportunity to go on a job shadow of an electrical engineer for an electrical association, DMEA. Working as a power engineer would be something I'd like to do because it would allow me to: collaborate in a group with other math and science oriented people to solve problems, use the math and science I love in an applicable way, and being a power engineer for an organization like DMEA would allow me to live in a rural area.

Throwing Away a Vote

Our nation was founded under the principle that everyone is created equal and, therefore, everyone should have equal say in the government. Over the past few election cycles, a significant amount of American citizens have begun to ignore or take this right for granted. A country with citizens who do not vote or vote ignorantly is victim to the reign of unfit politicians and that country will have an unrepresented voice.

The education system today was not founded on the principle of sending students to college, but rather to create an educated American voter within every class. However, today's voter is constantly teased with emotional ideologies of politicians while they conceal their underlying agenda of pleasing sponsors and lobbyists. A voter who simply believes they are voting on the rights they care about, sometimes votes for a representative who has different agendas. As a result, someone who cares less about the public well being and more about satisfying corporate sponsorship is voted in.

By not voting, an American isn't creating a tyrannical government, but rather destroying the voice he or she is given. During the 2016 election cycle, many chose not to vote because both of the main candidates weren't who they wanted to represent them. Those people lost their voice. Even if they would've voted for a candidate that wasn't likely to win like Bernie Sanders, Jill Stein, or Gary Johnson, they'd still prove to the American government and media that there is a rising group that doesn't agree with the politics of today. The influence this would have may have been small, but it'd still be profound and prove to everyone there is an alternative solution to every problem.

Although I have not been able to vote yet, it is a right I intend on flexing. I intend on being an informed and educated voter, because I want my voice to be heard.