

Horizon Hope 2017 Winning Essay

How do I demonstrate Horizon's mission outside of camp?

I continue to demonstrate Horizon's mission by keeping in contact with friends I made from camp, who had a positive effect on me; through emails, despite the amount of time it takes me to write messages. I am especially happy that I made a lasting friendship, with someone from camp, who comes voluntarily to help me once a month. I've been told by her, that I have helped her discover her abilities, her career choices and/or occupations that may interest her, based on her abilities and skill sets. She in return helps me when I get lost, and I help her understand how difficulties in life can cause pain, but also bring funny moments. There are always things to laugh about, regardless of the situation.

How have I contributed to Horizon?

I have really learned a lot during my ninth year going to Horizon. It is very important for me to sell raffle tickets because it helps finance the Association of Horizon and their ability to send individuals to camp. I have been told I have a good influence on other campers and my attendants. I have helped those that have worked with me to discover their potential which has encouraged them to keep going back to camp.

Why should I have the Horizon Grant?

I really need a motorized wheelchair. If the chair I have now would break down, I would be stuck in bed until Medicare and public aid would pay for a new one. When I got this chair I was told I could get a new chair every five years. My five years is up now. However, the rules have since then changed. Now I'm told the only way I can get another chair is if they can't fix this one