

The Horizon Hope Grant because the grant would allow me to continue to display the qualities that the Association of Horizon strives to convey in its mission and programs. Those qualities are challenging myself and developing responsibility. Should I receive the grant, I hope to purchase a new manual wheelchair. The chair I use to have broke and became unsafe to utilize. A manual wheelchair is what allows me to remain functionally independent in my home. With a new manual wheelchair, I can continue to challenge myself physically by completing household chores and assist in preparing meals. These are tasks that the typical able bodied individual may take for granted. Nevertheless, I thrive on completing these activities. In doing so, I am developing a sense a responsibility should the opportunity ever arise to live independently.

Society outside the Horizon Camp bubble, is not very accepting of individuals with physical disabilities. Often people are first to acknowledge my physical limitations instead of my abilities. Therefore, I find it necessary to consistently challenge myself to remain as independent as possible. Advocating for myself and my needs is a responsibility that I do not take lightly. On a regular basis, I am meeting with doctors and other professionals to ensure that I remain a healthy contributing member of the community.

I also enjoy challenging myself to learn new skills that would help me become a responsible adult. The simplest of tasks to others is so valuable to me. Opening a bank account to manage and pay my bills, requesting my own medical equipment and fighting charges with the credit card companies. These are all skills that people find challenging but in learning them help create a responsible adult. I have contributed to Horizon in a number of ways. In 2016, I held my first fundraiser to benefit the Association of Horizon. The fundraiser "Forsa for Horizon" was a workout fundraiser held at a local gym. Secondly, I am member of several committees including the Board of Horizon, Recruitment, Pandemic Safety, Raffle Ticket committee, and Spring and Fall Weekend. I have also had the honor of being responsible for the Camp Wishlist. That is a list of all the necessary donations needed to make Horizon Camp a success. Lastly, I was responsible for locating the new camp application software - Jumbula. After in depth research, I presented my findings to the recruitment commitment who made the final decision.