

Co-op Essay for Windsor Fire and Rescue Services

One of the first questions your asked when getting to know someone is “What do you want to be when you get older?” To be honest with you, I cannot remember a time that I did not reply to that question very proudly as “a firefighter.” Ever since I was little that has been my dream. Firefighters are greatly respected by their community because they are people that not only save lives and put out fires but they are people that have courage and they are people that take pride in what they do, they are people that care just in general. It is for these reasons that I believe I would be a good choice as a co-op student because I have all of those traits and more and would love the opportunity to show you them.

Some of the things in my life that have gotten me to this stage are my parents. My dad for teaching me dedication and what being a part of a team means. I have always been involved in sports, I played hockey for a few years until I found the sport of broomball which I still play today along with baseball. Being a part of team is what it takes to be a firefighter, knowing that someone is there for you as you are for them. My mom has taught me courage to be independent and the unselfishness of caring which is putting someone else’s needs before your own and the dedication and perseverance to never give up on your dreams.

Volunteering and helping in your community goes a long way too I think. Most of my volunteer experience has been with the fire department in some way or another. I have volunteered in the Boot Drive with the Santa Claus parade; I volunteered with Fire Fest 2010; the John Smith Memorial Burn Unit 10K run and most recently as Sparky in the Sparky Kick Off Dinner. Also something I enjoy very much is swimming. My sister and I both have been in lessons since we were babies and she is now a qualified lifeguard with the City of Windsor and I myself have just finished my final courses and am a certified lifeguard. I have my first aid and CPR C and spend some of my spare time volunteering and helping out with swimming lessons. My hopes are now that I have completed my courses I too will get a part time job with The City of Windsor like my sister has as a lifeguard. Until then I have a little job at the WFCU center keeping score for pick up hockey games.

Family is very important and I believe that when I become a firefighter that I will not only have become a member of a team but that I will have gained a second family. This opportunity would mean so much in helping me to further understand what it takes in becoming a firefighter and lead me to my next destination which is ultimately Fire College.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your consideration in me becoming a co-op student for the Windsor Fire and Rescue Service.

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