

Why I want to be a Firefighter

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Hello, my name is Jamie Gemmell and here is a little information about me; I am 17 years old going into my 5th year at Essex District High School, have been on the senior boys soccer team for my school since grade 10 and this past year played on the Windsor FC soccer team in Level 1 competition. Now that you know a bit about me, let me tell you about why becoming a firefighter and making it my future career is what I truly want to do. My first reason has to do with the fellow firefighters I could be working with. I was told that out of all careers, firefighters have the strongest bond with each other which is something I would love to be a part of because working together to complete next to impossible tasks with your "brothers" by your side is amazing to me. I'm close with my family and have leadership qualities that I want to improve and put to use as a firefighter.

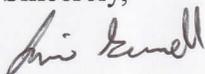
I'll admit that I haven't always wanted to be a firefighter since I was a little boy, but when I was told about how my Great Grandpa and second cousin were Fire Chief's at a time in their lives, it sort of motivated me to achieve the accomplishments that they have. In my opinion, fighting fires is in my blood and I need to take advantage of it.

I have had the opportunity to spend part of the summer 2009 at the Ontario Education Leadership Center (OELC). Being one of two chosen by the physical education department of my school, out of 900 potential students, I'm anxious to put the leadership skills and experience I learned to good use.

Following completion of my 5th year my next step will be to become a Military Firefighter for the Canadian Forces. Upon completion of my military training, my ultimate goal that I am actually looking for in my future is to become a Forest Firefighter. I'll be making a positive difference farther up North and with the knowledge and experience gained from the military, I will be an asset to any firefighting team out there.

Being chosen to participate in the Windsor Fire & Rescue Co-op would be a great privilege and the first step along the path to my long term career goals.

Sincerely,



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