



Creating New Generations

personal narrative example

Why do you want to become an egg donor?

I've considered egg donation for some time, and I've had a calling to help people. Choosing to be an egg donor is an opportunity to give someone hope for the future.

Describe your personality as a child.

As a child, I was curious. I loved learning things and reading books. I was outgoing and friendly, and I liked to play in a world of make-believe in my backyard fort with my friends.

Describe your personality now.

As an adult, I am outgoing and inquisitive. I am studious and love academics. I like to write and read, and I love to explore. I'm still as curious as ever. I'm artistic and like to create. I have a good sense of humor and a caring nature.

Describe your relationship with your parents as a child.

As a child, I was close to my parents. I adored them and wanted to be just like them when I grew up. I thought they were sophisticated and grown up in just the right way.

Describe your relationship with your parents as a teen.

As a teenager, I remained close to my parents. They were supportive of my academic and extracurricular pursuits, and we spent a lot of time together outside of school and my extracurricular activities. I shared everything with my parents. My mom was my very best friend, and I could turn to my dad for help and advice. My friends thought my parents were hip, so in turn, it was nice to be able to do things at my house with friends, rather than go to friends' houses for gatherings.

Describe your relationship with your parents as an adult.

My relationship with my parents as an adult is just as close as ever, despite the distance away from them during college. We talk regularly by phone for FaceTime, and stay in touch throughout the day with little text messages here or there. They are supportive of my goals for the future, in academics and in other life pursuits, and I know that if I ever needed anything, they'd be there for me. I love my parents with all my heart and our relationship has turned into a strong friendship, and less like a parent/child relationship, as time has gone by.

What are your personal goals?

My personal goals in life are to remain happy with myself. I strongly believe in the concept of empowering others and building people up, rather than putting people down. I follow this idea in life, be it in college, at my internship, or in participation with my extracurricular activities. Someday I want to buy a home, marry, and raise a family. I want to treat Mother Earth kindly. I want to be just as eager to wake up and greet the day when I'm 85 as I am today at 21. I want to embrace life and love every moment on earth.

What are your professional goals?

My professional goals are to become an organic chemist or a mathematician. I love academics and could see myself working for a university, spending time teaching and performing research. I want to create curiosity in others the way teachers and professors before me have instilled curiosity and a love of study upon me.

What are you doing at this point in your life?

At this point in my life, I'm a senior in college, majoring in chemistry and mathematics. I have been accepted into a graduate program in mathematics in the fall, but in the meantime, will be beginning a summer internship in organic chemistry. As I approach graduation, I just finished my undergraduate thesis and will be defending it next month. I'm eager to begin this new phase in my life, and move to a new city and university to begin new studies.

What is your favorite food?

My favorite foods are fruits – kiwi, mangoes, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, and watermelon. However, if I had to say my favorite meal, I would choose my birthday meal, crab sandwiches with asparagus, and homemade apple pie for dessert.

Describe your likes and dislikes in life.

I like to run in the mornings before class, or in the evenings after the weather has cooled down. I like studying and writing papers. I also like lab experiments. I love being home in the summertime to bake and cook with my mom, and I like to help her with canning things in our garden. I LOVE playing music, on my trumpet or the piano, but I still get a little bit nervous each weekend before I play at church. I'm probably pegged as overly enthusiastic about any kind of marching band or pep band music. I love everything to do with water, like swimming, water-skiing, knee-boarding, and wake-boarding. I also like to SCUBA and snorkel, and love to paddleboard on the bay, in the ocean, or on the lake. I love animals, especially my cats, dogs, and horses. I could spend all day in the barn doing chores and never feel unhappy. Some of my favorite foods include fruit, homemade smoothies, homemade enchiladas, seafood, and my dad's homemade molasses chew cookies. I like road trips, especially up in the mountains, and camping out under the stars. I like hiking and backpacking in the wilderness. I like decorating the house for Christmas and finding Christmas gifts for my friends and loved ones. I also like spoiling people on their birthday. Birthdays are a big celebration in our family! I also love the snow, and like to make snow angels and build snowmen, then go sledding with friends. I wait in anticipation for the first snow of the season, but in turn, I like the spring thunderstorms in the mountains and know that the snow season has passed me by when I experience the first spring thunderstorms.

What do you like most about yourself?

I am a goal-setter, and I like this about myself. I like achieving goals and setting myself to high standards. I also like my sense of humor, and people compliment me on my smile. I'm a good person, believe in helping others, and strongly believe that with compassion and understanding for others, we'll find a way to make the world a better place to live.

What is your favorite color?

I have two favorite colors – fuchsia and orange. I love the warm colors in a summer garden, and decorating my space with splashes of these colors.

What is your favorite music genre or music group?

I love a lot of classic rock from the 60's and 70's.

What is your favorite author or book?

My favorite books are Gone With The Wind, and their later published sequels (Scarlett, by Alexandra Ripley, and Rhett Butler's People, by Donald McCaig). I also enjoyed Thorn Birds.

What is your favorite movie?

Hidden Figures

What is your favorite season?

My favorite season of the year is fall.

Why?

Fall is my favorite season of the year because it's a season of beautiful change. With the first color changes of the maple leaves on the river near our home, to the fall breeze that blows over the hill above where I live, fall signals the beginning of a new time in life. The sun changes just ever so slightly, and lights up the sky differently, and the cool nights create fog in the valley. It is a time to remember new school year memories, and playing pep band songs at football games with friends.

What is your favorite holiday?

My favorite holiday is Christmas.

Why?

Our family gathers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at our family home, my siblings and their families, my grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, and we spend the holiday cooking and baking our traditional holiday recipes, decorating the tree on Christmas Eve, and singing carols at the church on Christmas Eve night. The spirit of the holiday fills my heart with joy, and I love spending time with all my family and listening to stories of Christmas past.

What are your hobbies?

Some of my hobbies include playing music (piano and trumpet), swimming and coaching new swimmers, and reading good books, especially historical fiction based on England (the 1400's-1800's). I was once a competitive horse jumper, but enjoy dressage more than ever now, and only jump for fun. Training horses and helping young riders find their love for animals is a rewarding opportunity and a heart-filling hobby.

Describe your dream vacation.

I have been fortunate to be raised by parents who strongly believe in cultural awareness and exploring different countries, but if I had to choose a new adventure to be called my dream vacation, I'd choose to spend a year exploring Europe, such as Scotland, Ireland, England, France, Italy, and Greece, visiting sites of historical significance and immersing myself in the culture of other countries and my ancestry.

What was the most memorable moment you remember from childhood?

Some of my most memorable moments from childhood involve growing up on a horse farm. Foaling was an exciting time, and I loved spending time training my own horses. Being in 4-H while I was growing up was fun. Also, outside of home life, I was on competitive swim team and one of my most memorable moments was when I won all six of my events at age group regionals when I was 12 years old, and set new state and regional records for my swims in the 200 freestyle and 400 individual medley. It was an honor to be on the top podium for all my events that year.

What is the most memorable and/or monumental moment in your life to date?

I cannot really choose just one moment in my life that's been most monumental or pinnacle, but some important moments have been receiving a full scholarship to my top college choice, and discovering my love of math, and going after that love and passion.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

As a child, I envisioned becoming a veterinarian when I grew up. I was often found in the barn, watching over my animals.

What characteristics do you hold that you feel would be important for potential parents to know about you?

I am a reliable and responsible young woman with goals and dreams for the future. I want to make this world a better place, for myself, for my family and friends, and for future generations.