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Personal Statement

Hi my name is Joshua Tapoof I am 16 years old. I attend the Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science. I am from Salt Lake City, though my mom and I moved to Colorado when my parents got divorced, I was 3 years old at the time. I lived there for most of my childhood years. I am Native American and I know that not many Native Americans have gone into the college field. So I would want to make a change and try to at least influence some others to go or at least have them think about it. I know that I can do this because I will influence them the way that my grandpa influenced me.

My grandpa is my heroic figure because he was in the Navy as a Telemann, fun to joke around with, his will to work at 79 years old, and he tells good stories. When he first told me about him being a Telemann I found myself feeling really proud that my grandpa actually was involved with something that I only could dream about. The main reason why I would choose my grandpa as a heroic figure would be he is really fun to joke around with, I was really surprised to see him have so much sense of humor. This just goes to show that he isn’t just normal grandpa but that he has so much unique characteristics and humor. Another trait that caught my eye would be the fact that he is barely able to walk and still working and not giving up. One time I saw him in the hospital he looked he looked in really bad shape, but he was still fighting to get out of there and he did.

Now I saved this last trait for last because something about it just stands out to me. Now you know you’ve had a really fun and exciting life when you have the ability to tell the craziest, funniest, and exciting stories. Whenever we have a family gathering at the end of the day my grandpa will be telling stories whether it is about hunting, his life in the Navy, or just about life in general. Each story always leaves us with our minds blown because of how much power that one story may have. So I feel like if I would be able to tell stories at least as half as good as my grandpa I can change the life of one person.