

I am a grade nine French immersion student at Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School. I am the youngest of three children. I have two older brothers, we live with our parents and we all love music. I couldn't live without it! I've been playing the violin since I was seven years old. I play the tenor sax in our school band. At home, I am often listening to or playing music. Another activity my family enjoys is soccer. When I was five I started playing soccer with the Timbits house league. As I got older, I started playing on the Antigonish Celtics team. Two years ago I started playing for XFC, a tier one team. Soccer has been a big part and a happy part of my life. My summers are spent with a ball at my feet. My family is a big supporter, but being a part of the Techsploration team would give me a chance to do something special. Something that is not a family tradition.

Last year, on a tour of the Nova Scotia Community College in Port Hawkesbury, I was exposed to different trades I had never seen before. I learned a lot on the tour and it gave me many ideas of what I can do when I graduate from school. I was intrigued by the Marine Engineering programs and I would love to learn more about them. There are so many job opportunities that I learned about that day, and I'm sure there is much more to know. Being a part the Techsploration team would provide me with a great opportunity to explore a variety of trades.

My parents always encourage me to get involved with my school. This year, I took their advice and joined the Christmas Semi Committee where we met each week in preparation for Semi; we were responsible for making all the decorations and it was a great experience. I am also on the Social Awareness committee. We organize lots of fundraisers to contribute to local causes.

I was really inspired by the role model videos shown at our Techsploration presentation. It made me think more and more about where Techsploration would take me. With my interest in math, I feel I would be best suited for a career that complements that skill. The careers I saw in the video showed me that a good understanding of math and science is very important. Learning more about different trades would help me make an educated decision on what I want my future to be.

From my experience with soccer and band, I have a deep understanding of how important it is to work as a team. A good teammate supports the other members of the group. I stay committed to my teammates, and I try my best to contribute as much as I can. If I were a part of the Techsploration team, I would do everything I could to make the experience amazing for everyone. I know this would be an added commitment, but I'm very good at finding a balance between extra-curricular activities and school work.

Being a part of my school's Techsploration team would provide me with the resources to help me make some of the toughest and most important decisions of my life.

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