

Personal Essay: Cambria Davis

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My name is Cambria Davis, and I'm 13 years old. I was born and raised in Jackson, Wyoming. Ever since I was young I've loved skiing and had a strong passion for it. I have a genetic connective tissue condition called Loeys-Dietz syndrome, which has prevented me from doing sports with much physical contact. It's sometimes hard because I can't do many sports I would like to do, however skiing is one of the things I can. Most kids with my condition can't even ski so I'm very blessed to be able to.

When I was just a little girl my parents would take me skiing on the mountain, and as I grew up I enjoyed it more and more. When I turned 8 I would look forward to every chance during the winter to go skiing. Ever since then I try to go skiing whenever I can in the winter. I did ski lessons when I was 10, 11, and 12, but I stopped, because we didn't have the money. Now I ski with my dad, sisters, and friends and its a great bonding/learning time for me. One of my greatest accomplishments was when I was 10, I skied Corbets Couloir with my older sister. I did crash into my sister the first time, but I got redemption the next 3 times.

My current goal this year is to place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in my first free-ride competition, test my skills, and learn to send it. But even if I don't make 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, I am truly excited to even participate. One saying my parents taught me when I was first learning to ski and still continue to encourage me with is you try hard, don't complain, and it is OK if you fall. It is such a blessing for me to be able to do the sport I enjoy and love every winter. And I will keep learning and loving skiing for as long as I can.

I want to do free-ride competitions, cause I've never been in any, and if I receive a scholarship I will use it for those. I know you probably get lots of requests so if you can't, I understand. Thank you!