

Michael Holzman

Michael C. Rothberg Scholarship Essay

Upon reflecting on the life I have lived so far it would be ignorant for me to not see that I have been unfairly fortuitous. I have lived in the comfort of Sharon since I came home from the hospital, received an amazing education, been blessed with a loving family and many friends, great health, and received a plethora of wonderful opportunities. The percentage of the world's population which is able to say that they have at least a portion of these blessings is dismally small. It would be selfish for me to not go forth and help those who are less fortunate than me, as Michael Rothberg did, specifically through Dana Farber Cancer Institute's Jimmy Fund, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, and Mutual Funds against Cancer. One way that I plan to do so is by serving the citizens of Massachusetts as a state trooper. Law enforcement officers are often called to scenes where gruesome acts have occurred or are in the process of transpiring and all they can do is intervene by implementing what they've taken away from their training. Committing oneself to a cause greater than self betterment encompasses the true meaning of life. By serving and protecting the people of Massachusetts on what could be the worst days of their lives is the best way that I see fit to making the world a better place through a meaningful career. Similar to Michael, I recognize the great fortunes that I have in this life and would like to proactively give back to the world accordingly. Michael was taken from Earth at an age far too young. Going into this career I have come to terms with the fact that I will be putting my life on the line each day, but if it means bringing peace to the world, I am committed to do so.