

### **College Application Essay Examples 300 words**

Please write a 250-500 word essay describing any obstacles you have overcome and what you did to overcome them.

On a late summer evening in 1999, a drunk driver struck my family's car as we were returning home from a weekend trip to Canada. The sudden impact of my crumpling passenger door crushed my legs and left me paralyzed from my waist down. I was only eight years old. After four weeks in the hospital and two surgeries, I returned home unable to move without the assistance of a wheelchair. The active and athletic life I had lived evaporated in those few seconds, and from then on, I had to face the rest of my life sitting in a wheelchair. Needless to say, I was devastated. Kids at school made fun of me for not being able to walk anymore and needing to use a "granny" chair. Despite the constant teasing, I remained positive because my family supported me unconditionally. Although my parents made barely enough money to support me and my two brothers, they took me to all my doctor and physical therapy appointments scraping to save every penny to pay all my medical bills.

Seeing my family's sacrifice, I was determined to succeed in school and provide a future for my family. In high school, I helped start a club called Students against Drunk Driving (SADD) to help educate teens about the dangers of drunk driving. By telling my personal story, I could share first-hand the destructive nature of driving under the influence of alcohol. These experiences in serving my community have inspired me to want to become a lawyer so I can continue keeping my community safe and providing a voice for those who need it.