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I have two reasons why I am driven forward every day to fulfill my dreams. My goal to become an aerospace engineer, and the example my dad has set for me. I can help revolutionize the world as an aerospace engineer. Aerospace engineers are helping shape the future and I want to be a part of it. These amazing engineers recently tested a solar aircraft that was able to stay in flight for 28 days! I would love to be a part of increasing clean energy.

I have educational goals and aspirations that I want to accomplish after high school. I believe they are important because if I can achieve a college education, I know that I will be able to accomplish my future dreams. I would like to attend Utah State University and receive both a bachelor and master's degree in mechanical engineering with an emphasis in aerospace. I have been driven to do well in school and focus on completing as many college courses as I can in high school to help me get on that path sooner. This idea fascinates me because I have always loved space, and I am mechanically minded. When I was five years old, I remember my favorite toy was my rubber band powered airplane that I had to build myself. I loved to alter the design of the airplane and watch how it affected its flight. Ever since then I have loved to build things that fly.

When I was six years old my dad was a pilot in the Air Force, but he had to be discharged because of health problems. We moved in with my grandparents and unfortunately my dad's health got so bad that he could not work at all. My parents eventually had to sell all their assets and started focusing on getting my dad well again. Even though we had next to nothing, lived on food stamps and had to shop at secondhand stores, our family got through it. About five years later my dad was getting better but still not well enough to fly airplanes so he decided to go back to school. Another five years went by, and he finally graduated from Utah State with a master's degree in management information systems. When I was in 9th grade my dad was able to get work again. He will always be a reason for me to push forward because he was able to go back to school while facing so much adversity. I hope that I will be able to work as hard as him and get through college no matter the obstacles in my way. I truly believe that if I can work hard and follow my dad's example I can become an aerospace engineer, and be a part of making the world a better place.