

The Sperm Bank of California

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DONOR PROFILE: 2431

The past and current medical history, physical examination and laboratory tests determine that donor **2431** is acceptable for semen donation at The Sperm Bank of California. This profile was prepared in May of 2001.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Identity release: **yes**
Month/year of birth: **7/77**
Education: **BA in philosophy, EMT certificate**
Current occupation: **bartender, applying to grad school**

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Height: **5' 10"**
Weight: **168 pounds**
Hair color: **medium brown**
Hair type: **wavy, thick**
Eye color: **blue**
Complexion: **medium fair**
Body type: **medium**
Ethnic origin: **Austrian, Anglo Irish**
Religion: **agnostic**
Blood group/Rh: **O positive**

FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY KEY:

D donor **Ch** child **F** father **M** mother **S** sister **B** brother
Co cousin **A** aunt **U** uncle **MGF** maternal grandfather
MGM maternal grandmother **PGF** paternal grandfather **PGM** paternal grandmother

FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY

Allergies: **D: mild allergies to dust**
Cancer: **PGM, PGF: lung cancer cause of death for both in late 70s after lifetime of smoking;**
PCo: leukemia cause of death in her late 30s
Eyesight: **D: slightly nearsighted**
Heart: **MGF: chronic angina in his 60s, heart attack cause of death at age 67**
Metabolic/endocrine: **PU: adult-onset diabetes controlled by diet**
Comments: **maternal second cousin – MGM's nephew: born with brain damage in 1932, donor has no further details; MGM: died at age 83 of natural causes**

DONOR LAB RESULTS

Chlamydia: Negative	Gonorrhea: Negative	Syphilis: Nonreactive
CMV IGG: Negative	CMV IGM: Negative	HIV 1 & 2 antibody: Negative
Hepatitis B: Negative	Hepatitis C: Negative	HTLV 1 & 2: Negative
Urinalysis: Normal	Chem panel: Normal	CBC: Normal
Semen culture: Normal	Cystic Fibrosis: Negative	Tay Sachs: Negative
Sickle cell anemia/thalassemia: Negative		

DONOR NARRATIVE: Donor 2431

math skills/ability: **I have average math skills. I did well in math classes until I got bored and opted out of them. I regret never having taken calculus considering I'm interested in the philosophy of math, and physics, but it's not too late!**

mechanical skills: **I'm no engineer, however I do enjoy the problem solving that general repairs require. I worked as a video technician for half a year, and I worked a full year on the maintenance crew for a student run cooperative.**

athletic skills: **In high school I wrestled for two years and swam for three. I was fairly skilled at both. At one time I was considered a talented archer, at least I was the best at camp. In general I have above average strength, good reflexes, and a healthy aggressive attitude that I take into any athletic endeavor that interests me.**

musical, artistic, creative abilities: **While I have never really flourished musically, I have always had a knack for cartooning, life drawing, painting and most of all, sculpture. Additionally, I have always loved to write. As a child I focused on short stories and melodramatic poetry. Now I'm more interested in ideas for movies and philosophical investigations.**

What languages do you speak? **English and Spanish**

What are your hobbies, interests and talents? **I enjoy reading, writing, drawing, sculpting, long conversations with great friends that get to the bottom of things, swimming in the ocean, scheming about how to exploit bureaucratic loopholes, and dancing like a ridiculous maniac. I'm interested in philosophy, art, physics, literature, film, and sex. I'm currently working on a short black comedy filmed in Super 8.**

Describe your personality (introvert, extrovert, funny, serious, goal-oriented, curious, etc.).

This is a frustrating question. I could write a story, or make something that embodied my personality, but this is so reductive. Not to be difficult, but I think my behavior strongly exhibits all of the qualities listed above. I'm not manic, but generally I dramatically shift between extremes; I can be extremely outgoing, funny, creative, interactive, sensual, productive, and optimistic, then, not unlike Berkeley weather, suddenly I just want to be alone with a book, some music, and a cat on my chest.

What are your goals and ambitions in life? **I would like to be a successful artist. By successful I mean earning enough money to afford some of my more outlandish projects and at the same time support a small family. I intend to be in space at least once in my lifetime. I hope to write and direct an epic, as well as author and illustrate a children's book. I want to find my soulmate, have babies, and watch them grow into adults. I'd like to see Antarctica and befriend a Zen monk. I'd also like to learn at least two more languages. I'd like to get another degree, something not directly related to philosophy.**

Why do you want to be a sperm donor? **I have four equally influential reasons: 1. I could use the extra money. 2. If anyone goes through this much trouble to conceive then chances are they will appreciate their child, and the world needs more appreciated children. 3. The whole thing is so bizarre that it's endearing. 4. (listed in the next question)**

DONOR NARRATIVE: Donor 2431 (continued)

Did you choose to be an identity-release donor? yes no. Why did you make this choice?
I'm intrigued by the genetic insights my future progeny could provide. Sort of a profoundly personal nurture versus nature experiment, using the children I haven't raised as data. It's not as egotistical as it might sound.

What message would you like us to pass on to the people who are getting your sperm?
No genetic heritage, regardless of how problem free it might appear, can substitute for the unconditional love and intelligent nurturing of the acting parent. While I feel fortunate to be such a healthy person, mentally and physically, my greatest gifts without question are the lessons I learned from loving parents, whose passion for life and general perseverance have inspired me throughout it all.