

Donor # 4519

Interview Notes

Donor 4519 came well dressed to his interview in black slacks, leather black shoes, and a dark blue button down shirt. He looked as if he was dressed for the office. He has unique blue/ hazel eyes, an oval shaped face with masculine features and a well-built, evenly proportioned body. The donor clearly enjoys exercising, he ran cross-country, boxed, and surfed in high school and beyond. He is full of energy, with an active, sharp mind. Its apparent that his mind is going a mile a minute and his mouth is doing all it can to keep up. I had trouble writing down all the notes I wanted to because the donor was talking so quickly. He clearly likes to be prepared for every experience and wants to make sure that things are done well.

The donor has a great sense of humor and made me laugh several times. He liked to make jokes about his twin brother. Donor 4519 told me that his brother was a skinny guy in high school and one day the donor took a look at his twin and said "Jeez, I don't want to look like that guy." The donor runs, surfs, boxes and bikes. The whole family is very athletic, his mother was a marathoner, his older brother was a professional skier. The family is also incredibly intelligent and encourages the kids to be socially minded in their career choices. Donor 4519 told me that his parents have never put pressure on him to make a lot of money but they do expect him to do something with his life that will benefit others. His parents met in jail while on tour with the ACLU. They were jailed as part of an action they were taking part in. His older brother is working in cancer research, he has a PhD in cellular biology and will be going back to grad school for another degree soon. His twin was the first person to achieve 4.0 at their high school and is currently working on a Masters in American History. His paternal grandfather was a professor and inventor who was also very involved in Jewish civil rights. His paternal grandmother was a Unitarian Universalist who did a lot of ground breaking work in the diplomatic service.

The donor's family is really close, and I can tell from the way he speak about them that everyone cares a lot about each other. Every story the donor told me related back to a family member of his in some way. As mentioned previously the donor has a twin with whom he is very close. Although they are fraternal twins, the two boys looked alike until age 8 and used to receive collective punishment for misbehaviors. They went to colleges that were located near one another and have never lived far apart until recently, when the donor's twin left to work on a Masters Degree at a distant University.

This donor is a very caring man who plans to be a doctor because it combines all his varied interests. He loves science, enjoys teaching, cares a lot for others and wants to work in a field where giving care is a prevalent part of his job. I can imagine that his ability to crack jokes will be tremendous assets to him as a doctor. The donor is currently working as a data analyst for a hospital system. He reviews patient care analysis and relays his findings to doctors in an effort to help them improve their quality of care. Donor 4519 enjoys this work and likes getting to see a different side of the doctors. He would also like to spend some time working within the private sector in medical research. Donor 4519 explained to me that he is 23 and wants to have experience in many different areas before he commits 10 years of his life to becoming a doctor. Right now he is gaining experience in areas that interest him to make sure that he has a good idea of what he wants to focus on when he enters medical school. He has worked as an EMT and also taught high school in Zambia where he had many positive experiences. Donor 4519's dream is to work as a doctor affiliated with an NGO who travels around the world as a family practitioner.

I found Donor 4519 to be an interesting person with a lot of unique experiences. He clearly thinks a lot and is skilled at planning ways to achieve his goals. Despite his many attributes, the donor doesn't come across as aware of how talented he is. He didn't seem to have a conscious understanding of how rare it is to find a family of well-educated, intelligent people with a social conscious, to him; they are all just normal people, his family. The donor has a unique family history, particularly his paternal grandparents' experiences within the civil rights movement, as an inventor and within the diplomatic service. I asked him to share stories of their lives but he shied away from revealing too much in an effort not to compromise their confidentiality. I think he will be a great person for an offspring to meet 20 years from now to see how he has accomplished his goals (or how they have changed) and to learn more about his family's history.