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Why I deserve a shotgun

If I earn this shotgun I would like you to know that I would work hard to be the best shooter I could be with this firearm, I would have fun with it, and above all I would be responsible. I am a responsible, hardworking, diligent young lady and the opportunity to have a shotgun of my own is exciting. I have an air rifle and practice my air rifle shooting a minimum of twice a week outside of practice on a lane that my father set up for me in our garage. A famous man once said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." This gun is an investment in my knowledge. Also, I would obviously share the gun with my sisters when the time comes so it would be well used. I would do my best not to be greedy with it. If somebody wanted to borrow it, I would probably let them. (however there is an age limit, I would *refuse* to let little kids handle that gun because that is just way too dangerous) Take, for example, my dad or another shooter whom I trust asked to borrow the gun. I would absolutely let them use it.

I need the practice and experience on how to shoot shotgun someday if I want to be able to properly hunt. I like to go hunting with my dad sometimes and getting this weapon is my first step to being an independent hunter someday. Hopefully that someday is very soon. I am honestly not all too certain on where to begin, but I believe that with the help of my dad I can quickly catch on and become good at wrangling the shotgun. I might even score a worthily mountable animal someday. Why not begin learning today? Benjamin Franklin himself once said, "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today." The sooner I begin to learn how to correctly shoot a shotgun the better. I will need all the practice I can possibly get if I want to be able to get to go hunting with my dad anytime soon. If I owned that shotgun I would practice as much as I possibly could, and do my absolute best to learn all the "trade secrets" of shooting shotguns.

Shooting is my way of bonding with my dad. We can't run races together (although he always cheers me on, and for that I am extremely grateful), but we can shoot together, so that, to me, is a big deal. Whenever Juliette and I go to air rifle practice, unless my dad has some other important obligation, such as helping pickup my sisters from other activities, he stays there the

whole time, watching us, looking for ways he can help us improve, and looking for things to compliment. I love our talks on the way home while he's driving us. He always finds something from our positions to compliment, and something to give us advice about. He doesn't get mad or disappointed, even when we start complaining to him. He just tells us everything will get better, and does his best to help us out in any way he can. He always gives good pointers, and I really think he could help me improve with a shotgun until I'm allowed to go out and actually shoot at animals with him. I do my best to welcome his good pointers, and try to keep them fresh in my mind for the next time I practice. I'm not saying that I think learning to use this gun will be easy, quite the opposite in fact, I oftentimes still have trouble with the air rifle. However I do believe that I am up to the challenge, especially with the help of my coaches and dad. The sooner I start learning, the more I will know, and the better prepared I will be when the right time comes.