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From: **Lainey Herring** <laineyherring00@outlook.com>
Date: Wed, Oct 19, 2022 at 3:21 PM
Subject: May Mobility Low Vision Vehicle Program - Lainey Herring
To: info@maymobility.com <info@maymobility.com>

Dear May Mobility Employee,

My name is Lainey Herring, and I wanted to reach out and share my story with you. I have a rare genetic condition known as Hermansky Pudlak Syndrome 5. It is a very rare condition which effects one in a million people. With these odds, I figure that I should reach for every opportunity and seize every moment. One of the impacts of having this condition is low vision. I have central blindness in both eyes, right peripheral blindness in my right eye, and a nystagmus which means my eyes bounce involuntarily. As someone with a rare genetic condition, I am currently a research participant at the National Institute of Health. While at my last visit, one of my medical doctors informed me that I would not be able to safely drive. As someone who is very independent, this was very hard for me to hear much less accept. At the age of 18, when I went to get my driver's license, I was able to pass the driving test on the first try but had to try 13 times to pass the vision test. Although driving has always been challenging for me, I have always been determined to master it. As someone who was born with low vision, I have never let my vision deter me from chasing my dreams.

When I was 17, I competed in Miss North Carolina's Outstanding Teen as a representative of Central Carolina. Through my position as a reigning queen, I held a platform dedicated to low vision awareness where I was the keynote speaker at various events, held glasses collection drives, and helped organize the Foundation Fighting Blindness' annual Vision Walk event. Every time I would speak at an event, I would share my story and tell the audience to never let their disability hold them back from chasing their dreams.

I am now 22 years old and recently graduated from the accelerated one-year graduate program at UNCW with my Master's in Social Work. My dream has always been to help others with visual challenges and to make an impact on the world as a whole. As someone who has been told that they can not safely drive, this dream is becoming more challenging to reach. Currently, I am relying on my parents for transportation, but as they are also working professionals, I want a way to be independent and able to drive myself. I know that May Mobility is one of the leading companies in self-driving technology (and in making positive changes in the world as a whole) and I am hoping you can help me overcome my challenges of driving and reach my dream of making an impact on the world. I am wondering if there are any programs at May Mobility for people like me to help me achieve my dream by helping me be able to drive. I appreciate you taking the time to read my story and hope to receive a response soon.

Sincerely,
Lainey Herring
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