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UW LEND traineeship discipline



I am 23 years old, and I have autism. I graduated from the University of Oregon in 2024 with a major in political science and a minor in disability studies. I am excited to join UW LEND this year because a major part of why I decided to become a disability rights advocate was because of the challenges I have faced in as a student with autism. For instance, I once had classmates who laughed at me for having outbursts, and I once had a teacher who refused to adhere to my IEP. Students with intellectual disabilities today deserve better than what I experienced when I was in school, and the LEND fellowship is a great opportunity to use my past experiences to help them succeed academically and socially. In my free time, I like to play tuba, cook, go on bike rides, and watch Bluey.