For as long as I can remember, I have had terrible vision. My parents first realized how troubled my vision was when I injured myself by running right into a pole, that was clear and visible to everyone but me, at the age of six. Of course, after that, they whisked me off to the eye doctor, and I have been wearing glasses ever since.

I have considerably poor overall eyesight.  My current prescription is +6.00 in both eyes. I have followed the regular routine for those of us with poor eyesight: glasses and contacts. Being a teacher, my free time is so very limited. I am almost always at work early, and I leave late. My life is dedicated to my students. I'm not particularly high maintenance, and my morning routine is brief, but I cannot express what a hassle it is to put on contacts each and every morning. Nights aren’t an exception to the hassle; my contacts start feeling dry after wearing them for a period of time. The same thing happens when I sit underneath a ceiling fan (which is a must in the Florida heat) - my eyes become very uncomfortable.

I could, of course, wear glasses; however, I grew up being teased about my "coke bottle" glasses, especially considering that the glass is very thick and heavy, and I just do not prefer to wear them. My glasses are so heavy that they will slide down my nose without purchasing some kind of ear hook that attaches to them to keep them in place.

This surgery would also save me a lot of money yearly, as contacts and their upkeep are very expensive.

I have lost count of how many times I have dreamed and wondered what it would be like to see the world as it is, without squinting to read the fine print.

LASIK surgery would truly change my life, and I would be forever grateful.