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**Barber**

Neijae Graham-Henries preps her clippers before cutting hair.

**W. Philly girl is ‘world’s youngest female barber’**

**John N. Mitchell**

**TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER**

Most young barbers occupy the chair at the rear of the shop, hoping someone will take a seat and give them a crack. That won’t work for Neijae Graham-Henries, who is hunting — or one day will hunt — for big games.

“I want to cut Donald Trump’s hair because it is too long,” the 8-year-old West Philadelphia girl said. “And I want to cut LeBron James’ hair because he’s my favorite basketball player.”

“Tha’s who I am,” she said.

Neijae has built a bit of buzz online. She has been featured on “Inside Edition” and “NowThisNews.” Her Instagram account has more than 1,600 followers. And a quick search of her name reveals several videos of her at work, some with thousands of views.

Robert Crucile, founder of Rob’s Barbershop Community Foundation, caught videos of Neijae’s story online and has invited her to help him cut homeless veterans’ hair in Maryland.

“Look at that set up moving for-ward,” Crucile said. “She wants to help people with the skills she’s learned, and she’s very compassionate.”

Neijae said she’s looking forward to it.

“I want to help people. I enjoy giving back to the community,” she said. “I want to go there and do that.”

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