

Personal Statement Example

The American dream is an opportunity to achieve success and live life free of oppression. At least that is what I thought. At a young age, both my mother and father migrated to the United States to achieve the American dream. Unfortunately, my brother and I were left behind with my elderly grandmother to continue living our life. When my grandmother died, we were cared for by my abusive uncles. We were forced to put working for money before school, even though my mother would send money for our living expenses. At times, I was not allowed to attend school if I didn't make money for my uncles or complete any other tasks. My non-compliance led to being severely beaten and being denied access to school for days. It was then when I was ready to follow my parents to the United States to live what I thought would be a better life. Reuniting with my family proved to be a very challenging moment in my life. My brother and I would be neglected and treated as a burden. This poor treatment only became worse over time. It was because of a reported situation that I was able to safely transition from living with an abusive parent to living in foster care. During my transition, I had to seek mental health counseling due to all the abuse I've endured by both my uncles and father. I had difficulties with processing my emotions since my family didn't believe me when I reported to them an unfortunate occurrence between my father and I. It is because of the lack of love and support that I've experienced, I want to obtain employment with a company where I can nurture and provide love to little kids.

Nursing was a career field I always wanted to pursue. Growing up in Guatemala, I didn't have the opportunity to obtain adequate health care. In my home country there were not too many hospitals that you could visit if you were ill. The hospitals that were available had extremely long lines outside due to the limited number of staff that were available to help. It was because of those moments that I knew that I wanted to help others and give back to my community. When I migrated to the United States when I was 11 years old, I had a plan on how I would work towards achieving my dreams. I looked forward to joining the Nursing magnet once I got into high school in hopes of earning an LPN certification prior to graduating high school. Unfortunately, I was told that I couldn't be in a magnet if I was in an ELL (English Language Learner) program. Although I was not able to work toward my dreams in high school, I look forward to pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Nursing at a university.

Attending a university will provide me with the skills I need to achieve my dream of becoming a nurse. I hope to work with patients that are in the pediatrics unit to ensure they have the attention and care that is required to recover swiftly from any illness. Attending college will not only provide me with the education that I need to pursue my dreams. Colleges have the resources and guidance that is needed to navigate through the college process. To prepare myself for life after high school, I have participated in the First Star University of Miami Academy. This academy provides foster youth like myself with the opportunity to live in residence halls while learning life and study skills during the 4 week program. It is because of my life circumstances and determination to be successful I am pursuing higher education.

Obtaining the (Insert Scholarship name) foundation will mean the most to me since it will cover the majority of my financial obligations. I have limited financial support from the government since I was recently exited from the Foster Care program with no cause. My social worker provides little to no support and my appointed lawyer can provide me with so much help. My only way for supporting myself through school is by applying for scholarships and working a part-time job. In my life, I have experienced many obstacles and have had horrible life experiences. However, through it all, I am still working hard to be the independent young lady I have groomed myself to be. The scholarship will not only help me with paying for my tuition, it will help me purchase books, technology, and transportation costs that are associated with attending a university. I know that the adversities that I have faced proves that I am the perfect recipient of the (Insert the scholarship name).