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Mac Justification For VRC/VREO

Good Morning Counselor

I am requesting a laptop computer and several related items through the Vocational Rehabilitation program. One of these is a 15-inch Macbook Pro made by Apple. Based on the guidelines, it appears I have justification to warrant such a purchase for several reasons.

1. I have used only Apple products exclusively for over 10 years. Consequently, I am totally unfamiliar with PC's. Providing me a PC would create a severe learning curve and place me at an immediate disadvantage, much like someone who didn't know how use a computer at all.
2. All of my files, personal, academic, and otherwise are wrapped up in the Apple ecosystem.
3. It would not only cause a hardship for me to have to learn how to use an PC but learning the file structure and trouble shooting process would cause me great stress at my age/with my PTSD/with my headaches/with my depression/anxiety etc.
4. All my external hard drives are programmed for Apple so I would have to purchase all new drives and none of my old drives or files would be accessible by a PC
5. All of my film related software is for macs so I'd have to buy all new third party software for the PC and learn to use it (the commands would all be different for a PC)
6. All my other devices in my home are made by Apple including my Apple TV, Apple in my car, Apple iPhones, Apple iPad, and even my apple watch, Having a PC would remove any compatibility that currently affords me continuity across devices. That continuity helps to create a stress free work flow.
7. I often use my television as a monitor through an Apple computer (using Apple TV) this helps me on days where I have vision issues due to my service connected headaches which secondarily caused my service connected insomnia. I have my entire environment set up for continuity of actions and since everything I own is Apple it would create quite a disturbance in that peaceful environment if a PC were thrown into the mix.
8. The editing software I use for film and audio have entirely different commands on a PC as it does on a mac so that would create a huge learning curve for me as I am preparing for 2 of my most intense courses in preparation for graduation.
9. As a filmmaker/graphic designer/editor/writer, the industry standard is a Mac; studios use Macs, the film department at my school uses Macs and staying competent on a mac is beneficial for my viability in this industry.
10. Lastly, I also would be forced to learn an entirely new operating system, which would cause undue stress to me and take up valuable time that should be used to focus on academics and employment opportunities.

In relation to the employment opportunities, the Vocational Rehabilitation program is in place to make me more employable and to succeed in the professional world and the current job market. This device would improve my marketability as I

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would be better-equipped to handle the professional creative world in which I am seeking employment. In addition to these reasons, I feel it would be more cost-effective to the United States government and the Vocational Rehab program to purchase the Macbook pro because they have a 10 year life span and don't get viruses-ever. I would not have to consider buying a new computer for 10 years which provides me great comfort. In addition, Apple makes a vastly superior product. I will be involved in classes that require the use of special design software that will work more efficiently on the Macbook pro due to their upgraded graphic and display capabilities. Lastly, Apples warranty covers the MacBook's support, repair and or replacement for three full years.

For all of these reasons, I believe the 15-inch Macbook Pro from Apple would be the most appropriate product for me to use during the course of my education and offer a seamless transition to the workforce afterwards as I look to stay competitive and successful in the job market.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Veteran