

Extracurricular Activities

List activities you are involved with both on and off campus; for example, clubs, organizations,

I am currently involved with a few different extracurricular activities. I am of service in Narcotics Anonymous on various levels; local, area and regional. I am the treasurer at one meeting, and a Group Service Representative (GSR) at another, which is responsible for representing local meetings at the Area Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous. I volunteer in the Math Learning Center at MiraCosta

My current income is barely covering my monthly living expenses and any scholarships I receive will allow me to continue my studies without trying to juggle a full-

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Education and Career Goals

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I am a combat Marine veteran. My experiences during my time in the service were difficult, but I was well trained to deal with the pressures of war. Because of this attitude and work ethic, I was able to become a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honors society at MiraCosta College.

I have been deployed to Japan, Australia, Cuba and Afghanistan. Most of my military career has been overseas. My experiences I chose not to discuss for personal reasons, but my overall military life was satisfying. I had been away from my wife for more collective time than we have spent time with each other. A change was necessary for the both of us as the military began to change and started to become fitting for the age. Instead of the military being a part of life it became more of a job. I knew then that the military started to lose its luster. My wife and I discussed different ways to approach a successful lifestyle. Through letters and sporadic phone calls during deployment, she brought to my attention that I should go back to school, knowing that I had already mentioned that school was an option. My wife already has her B.S. in Biology and using her knowledge from her educational background of how the administration works, she held my hand with processes and helps guide me during my transition.

My sister and I are the first in my family to go to college. Judging from my experiences here dealing with the financial stresses, I have decided to remain focused on school and use the GI Bill wisely. Granted this eases some of the burden that comes with pursuing an education, there is still a financial burden. Especially during emergencies when trying to maintain a decent financial status becomes difficult to manage. In other words paying bills can be difficult when an unforeseen event occurs.

Your contribution to my education will be highly appreciated and will not go in vain. Also

Personal Statement Essays
Engineering Major - Veteran

Education and Career Goals

Personal Statement
Honors Scholar Program Student

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Personal Statement
Horticulture - Transfer Student

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My current goal involves transferring to a 4-year University in the fall. To that end, I have spent my time really trying to take full advantage of the resources MiraCosta has to offer. I have received nearly straight A's since being enrolled here at MiraCosta, and have become involved in clubs and more recently student government. In the fall, I applied to UC Davis and two other institutions, and also completed a TAG for UC Davis as a Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems major. My first transfer college choice is UC Davis and I plan to complete my undergrad there and then begin to consider Graduate school. I hope to enter one of three fields post-graduate; the first field being sustainable agriculture, either being a farmer or consulting with farmers to better the food system. The second option is entering public service through either the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or the Department of the Interior, or the like. My third option would be to go to Law School and pursue environmental concerns or policy, or even public office in order to improve and make more sustainable our national

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The accomplishment I have most treasure through the past few years has been the very fact that I have come back to school. It was not an easy decision to leave a good paying job at a hotel to pursue higher education; but, I know that doing so would be an investment in my future and my future earnings. I am proud to have had the opportunity to come back to school and am even more proud that I have done so well since being here. I really feel like I am taking full advantage of the Community college experience this time and will be sad to leave, but am very proud of what I have accomplished here. I am also proud that I have been recognized for my efforts and grades from nearly every group on campus, I truly could not do it without the financial, moral, and emotional support I still receive.

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Personal Statement Journalism Student

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My plans are obtaining my journalism degree at San Diego State University and then I will pursue my Master's degree at UCLA in communication studies. After I finish my bachelors, I want to work with the biggest newspaper in the nation, such as, L.A times, New York Times, Washington Post, and La Opinion, which is the first Spanish newspaper in the country. I want to be the best journalist in the country. I want to be a successful journalist and a credible writer but I also want to help millions of people with my words that I publish.

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I was born and raised in Bucaramanga Colombia. I came to this country a couple years ago with two pieces of luggage and many dreams. One of my dreams was to be able to write in a country which has freedom of speech. Unfortunately, in the last five years fifty-seven journalists died doing their profession in Colombia. I left my home and family members because I still believed that I can be a good journalist. I want to continue writing for newspapers and not have fear when my articles are published. English is my second language and it has been hard adapting to the new vocabulary. However, every semester I take extra tutor classes to ensure I will pass the course. I will make sure that the professor knows me and I do not fall behind with homework and exams. My current GPA is 3.87 and I feel proud to be on the President's list where I am among 8% of students with the best grades at MiraCosta College.

If I receive this scholarship, it will change my life. I will be able to concentrate more in school and buy school supplies that I need in this semester. I don't have money to buy all my books, photocopies, and materials that professors ask around the semester. However, every semester, I use the books from the library but always it's difficult for me to stay in the school for many hours. I pay my rent because the financial aid and my freelance job. My parents live in Colombia and I don't get any support from them. I am full time student and I can only work part-time. I am alone and I need the help. I have a lot of school expenses in my classes and every semester I struggle to pay for classes supplies. Even if I don't have money, my grades are very important to me. College is the reason what motivates me to achieve my dreams.

Nursing

Personal Statement

Personal Statement
Nursing Major ±overcame hardships

Education and Career Goals *

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I have always loved the medical field. I am currently in the process on work on perquisites for a transfer to University of California, Irvine for a major in Neurobiology. After obtaining my AA in liberal art with a focus in Math and Sciences, I am going to apply to MiraCosta's nursing program. I am currently a CNA and I have always had a goal to become a nurse, as I would gain more information about how nurses and doctors work together. I love helping people and to have the honor to help my patients further while saving money towards medical school, would give me invaluable experience.

Currently, my long-term goal is to become a Neuropsychiatrist. One of my goals is to work at the Neuropsychiatric Institute at UCI as an RN to learn more about c(n)(os 9 havce.y.45(s)-4(i)5(e)euhe (eu)3(r)7(op)

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a job, that I would end up schizophrenic and mentally dependent on my mom for the rest of my life. I could have just let all that be and not fight it, but that is not who I am. I did develop Paranoid Schizophrenia, but I continued to work regularly through it all. Over the course of treatment and continued belief in the miracles of God, the schizophrenia was no longer a diagnosis that fit and the suicidal thoughts were gone. I moved here to California in 2013 to be closer to my sister who has Cerebral Palsy and Epilepsy and resides in Villa Coronado. Little did I know that my mom and I would be homeless months at a time living in our car after months and months of job hunting. We would go to Brother Benno's for showers and a rest stop is where we called home. Through it all, I never lost faith that we would find an apartment of our own. Now we are living in a beautiful studio apartment with utilities included. After everything that I have gone through, it has made me appreciate the life I live now

Personal Statement Essays
Nursing Major ±Single Parent

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Personal Statement
Psychology Major - International Student (Japan)

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My major is Psychology that I had desired to pursue this study since I was a junior high school student in Japan. In my junior-high senior grade, I realized I was interested in the human mind when I read a book about Freud Sigmund in the school library which explained his theory quite simply using a Japanese comic-book manga style. Now, my plan is to finish MiraCosta College in 2 years, and transfer to

Personal Statement Essays
Registered Nursing Major ±AB540

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My education goals are to complete the Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program at MiraCosta College in Spring 2017. Then I will apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) by December 2017. My goal is to transfer to a four-year university to get a Bachelors in Science of Nursing Degree by enrolling in a RN to BSN program after obtaining licensure. After obtaining my BSN I want to continue my education to eventually obtain a Ph.D.

My career goal is to become a Nurse Practitioner (NP). I want to become a NP to work in my community. I want to be a NP in hopes of helping my Hispanic community because I have personally dealt with the challenges of getting quality healthcare. I have seen my mother and other Hispanic individuals struggle with language barriers and because of these language barriers they have been denied adequate health care. As a

being a parent. During this time my son was diagnosed with mild Autism and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD); that only made my desire to become a nurse even greater. Another challenge I have is that of being an AB540. I don't get any financial assistance for my son or for my education, and this is why I work to support my son and why I depend on scholarships to help pay for my education. If I am awarded this scholarship it will help me purchase the books and pay the fees that the program requires to continue.

Personal Statement
Science Student

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Personal Statement Single -Parent Student

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My education and career goals have changed over the years, but I am happy to announce that I am graduating in 2015 with my AA degree that I have been working on for 20+ years. I plan to continue at MiraCosta in the fall working on my transfer credits so I can obtain my Bachelor's degree in Product and Development.

I currently work at a company called Victory Team Apparel in the accounting department. When I interviewed with the Manager of the Product and Development Department, I knew that is the direction I wanted to take my career. The idea of creating and developing a product is exciting to me and that is actually my original goal when I first attended college in 1988.

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I work 40 hours a week in accounting and 4 hours a week in retail as well as sing in a few different cover bands. With going to school full-time and raising children on top of that, it leaves me little time for other extracurricular activities or to volunteer.

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I am a single mother of three. I am originally from Washington and I moved here with my husband and children in 2004. We moved our carpet cleaning business here and cleaned all of the Block Buster video stores, but they have since gone out of business and so did my marriage. I rejoined the workforce working for minimum wage supporting my children and soon took on another job at Victory Team Apparel. I am currently in school full-time at MiraCosta and have worked very hard to maintain a 4.0 GPA. I also work full-time in an accounting department and part-time in retail. My passion is singing and I am currently in a few different cover bands that play in San Diego County and Orange County. Scholarship money will help take some of the pressure off me so I can focus on my studies and my children. I hope that one day I can work at only one job.

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Personal Statement Essays
Teaching and Spanish Majors

Education and Career Goals

with English and even came to school on Saturday to practice on the computer language software program, Rosetta Stone. My faith and determination helped me learn English fast.

As an immigrant from Guatemala I have faced many obstacles and financial stability has proved to be the greatest one. In my family, only my stepfather works. My stepfather does not really help me with my studies, and not because he doesn't want to but because he already has many responsibilities, thus my mother is the only one who fully supports and believes in me that I will get far with my education. There have been days that I cry because I do not have the money to pay for my classes, but God always helps me meet people that are willing to help me with college. My mother always tries her best to help me, but it is difficult for her to get a job. I know that when I complete my studies I will help those like myself by giving and proving for others just as others gave to me.

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