

Graduate Scholarship Essay Example

Below is an example of a real essay from an 18 year old female who has Attention Deficit Disorder, Anxiety, Depression, Central Auditory Processing Disorder, and Visual Processing Disorder. She applied for several scholarships and did receive one where she used this as her actual essay (no edits have been made).

Higher Education: It's Effect on My Own Life and the Lives of Others

Higher education will have a great influence on my own life because it will give me the education and the skills I need to become successful. Ann Landers once said that "it is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings." I think of higher education in a similar way. It is not what higher education does for students that will make us successful, but what the pursuit of higher education teaches us.

By obtaining a higher education, I will have the ability and opportunity to influence my society by becoming a teacher. My drama coach has influenced my life far beyond teaching me acting skills. She has taught me how to come alongside a younger student to encourage and mentor them, helping them to understand that they are valued highly exactly as they are. Entering my 9th grade year, I felt alone and that I had no friends. Because my drama coach had mentored the students who were seniors at that time to accept all students as unique individuals who bring gifts of many types, I finally felt accepted and empowered to be the person I was supposed to be. Each year of high school I continued to gain skills in acting, but even more importantly learned the art of mentoring other students and loving them just as they were. Now as a senior in high school, I realize this process has brought me to a place where I, too, want to empower high school students to share the gifts and skills they have for the enjoyment of others through theater. I also look forward to the opportunity to model and coach high school students to encourage one another in the way that I was encouraged.

As a teacher, my role will include being a coach, motivator, mentor, and friend. As a coach, I will instruct and direct the students toward enlightenment. I will also motivate the students to work hard, encourage them to continue to stay in school, and empower the students to be successful. When mentoring the students, I will set an example on how to live and act. My role will also be to befriend the students and help them become the best they can be.

I look forward to the academic wisdom I will gain attending the University of Central Oklahoma as well as the life skills I can learn from the experience of completing my college education. I believe that experiencing college life will teach me far more than just the skills necessary to receive a certificate to teach.

It will teach me even greater perseverance and the value of not giving up so that I may influence and empower the leaders of tomorrow.