

Scholarship Essay

I am pleased that I am now able to return to college and be successful. My first attempt at college, almost 25 years ago, did not go as planned. Family and other priorities interfered with my academic objectives. I have learned a lot since then, and in fact this education in life has contributed to who I am today. Today I have even more responsibilities, but I am working towards a degree in Business and Psychology.

My return to school has been more successful because of the education that I have received in real life experience. I received an education over twenty years of managing my own businesses with my now ex-husband. I learned about psychology as a parent and partner. The importance of time management came with experience in juggling multiple responsibilities, particularly after I became a single parent five years ago. My current education and my ultimate success rest on that which I learned between my first attempt and my abilities as a student today.

Education in the formal sense has and will continue to refine that which I learned on my own by practical experience. Theory and practice together make each other stronger; with my new skills, honed over the past two decades, school is no longer the great challenge it once was. I am able to connect the teachings in a class with real life experiences that I have had. Many of the insights I have had as an entrepreneur and a parent are becoming fully realized in the classroom.

How has my education contributed to who I am today? As a proud and thriving single parent in my forties who works and attends school full time, both my informal and formal education have made me the person I am today. Today I am able to thrive in the academic environment, manage priorities and successfully earn my degree while raising children and contributing to my community. I am proud of my achievement, and I will be prouder still when I have earned my degree.