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EXAMPLE LETTER 1

My Life

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I was born on October 11, 1996. I consider myself an extremely focused young person, and believe that I will bring the same skills I have had to use to balance achieving outstanding grades, working several jobs, and playing sports at the same time into my future in order to achieve my dreams. With the support of those who love me, I know those dreams will to become a reality.

I live with my grandmother at this time. My grandmom and I have always had a special bond and I know she would do anything for me. My grandmom is an inspiring person. She adopted my mother and aunt when they were young. She inspires me because she is a good person. Before coming to stay with my grandmom, I was living with my mom and brother, who is five years younger than me. My mom and I had some serious fights that turned physical, and it was decided that it would be a safer environment for me at my grandmom's house. For a while, my mom and I didn't talk ever, however we are working on our relationship every day. We have even started making time to hang out again, like going to the mall together recently. I see my brother about once a week or so either at my grandmom's or we do an activity together, like I take him to the movies. My dad and I also see each other when we can and talk on the phone a lot. I know that even though I don't see my parents every day, they love me and are proud of me, and that gives me strength to achieve my goals.

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I am a senior at Franklin Learning Center. Doing well in school has always been something that I consider very important and I have been able to achieve good grades throughout my time in school. Franklin Learning Center has been a place where I have been able to grow as a person, through the classes I have taken as well as the relationships I have made with my peers and teachers. I was on the Meritorious Honor roll for the first quarter of the school year and am on track to continue getting good grades for the remainder of my senior year. This upcoming semester, I am looking forward to taking a film class that is being offered, as I have never tried anything like that in school before. While at Franklin Learning Center I have tried to take advantage of all that is offered through Arcadia University at my school. Though it was more challenging than my other classes, it was reassuring to know that I could pass a college-level class. Hopefully there are more college classes to come.

While at Franklin Learning Center I also participated in softball and volleyball. By playing sports I Was able to have fun while meeting some great friends.

Over the past two years I have also been employed at Wawa and at a local diner as a hostess. At this time, I have decided to work only at Wawa, but I was previously working at both jobs. It was difficult to balance everything in my life, however I liked having the extra money to save and spend on extra things I needed. I have learned the importance of hard work and being professional, as well as time-management through working.

Lately, most of my extra time and energy has been spent deciding where I am going to go to college. This is an exciting and stressful process at the same time. I have been accepted to Carbini, Lasalle, East Strausburg, Lock Haven, West Chester, and IEP. I have been comparing

the different programs and speaking to various representatives to decide which school is the best fit, and will be visiting several of the schools in order to make my final decision. I also am deciding which school has the best program for what I want to major in, the medical field. Some other things I am looking at when deciding is school size, location, and what kind of people go to each school. Deciding where to go to college has been one of the hardest decisions I've ever made.

I would like to study to become a physician's assistant. Ever since I was a little girl, I always knew I wanted to do something where I was helping others when I grew up. I was inspired to be a PA by looking up to a family doctor of mine who was a strong woman, someone I wanted to be like. I realize it is going to take a lot hard work and serious studying to become a PA. It will even mean that I will have to continue school after graduating college, however I am up for the challenge. I picture myself just like my family doctor, a focused and strong young woman.

I know that I have what it takes to achieve my dreams. I will use the lessons I have learned so far, as well as knowing I have people in my life that I can go to for support, to make my dreams reality.

## EXAMPLE LETTER 2

Hello my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I currently reside in a foster youth residence located in the upper Germantown area. today I was given the task of completing a two page reflection on what I want to do with my life upon adulthood. given the information and content of my essay, a length requirement shall be proven unnecessary given the fact that I am 16 and becoming of age, a have put a significant amount thought into my career choices and my general future. i am an open-minded individual with many ambitious goals, but if I were to choose my most recent and realistic career choice it would have to banking and accounting.

banking and accounting seems to be the most obtainable because of my love of math and money. the steps in which I intend on taking to achieve this goal is graduating high school and taking up business and accounting as my trade in college. if by any means I decide to change my mind or come across an unbreachable obstacle then my second career choice would be culinary arts. I've always found interest in food preparation even though I'm not a very good cook myself. the steps in which I would have to take in order to achieve this goal is to attend a culinary trade school after high school.

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### LETTER 3 EXAMPLE

#### My goals

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and this essay is about my dreams and goals. I have four major goals I would like to tell you about today. My first goal is to be a cps witch is only a certified peer specialist because I want to give back to the mental health community and help out just like people have done with me. Where I was recently at I was training unofficially I even went as far as running some groups like caseload witch was only morning meeting but they even let me do music group every now and then what was a major deal for me because its helping me advance in my training for my cps position. I asked ms. pat for some direction for cps training and how and where I could go to start to pursuit it and she gave me a packet to look at and a number to call and I called about six time and left messages but my social worker said that the classes don't start until spring two thousand fifteen so I'm still looking in to that as well as looking forward to doing that.

Another goal of mine is to be an audio producer and a hip-hop artist I working toward that in many different aspects for one I'm writing and listing to certain thing and my staff Mr. Ted is helping me with the productions and the writing he's already had me record one song called dreams it was a good experience and very, very different but it was a good feeling I want to be a music producer because music is a big part of my life from the time I was a kid and heard it music motivates me and it gives me that extra push it's the reason I'm still alive today music saved my life

I would also like to be a chef because ever since I was a kid I loved cooking this is where I'm at with that I went to jevs and capitalize on every opportunity I could and never gave up I just keep pushing through I had an internship but lost it do to me going in to a mental health facility and I'm as

of right now am a waiting to hear back from jevs that's where I'm at with my cooking

The last goal is more of a hobby then it is a goal is I want to return to doing creative art such as acting because I love it was something I did for my mom but I was good and now after so many years I honestly believe that it's a great way to honor her.

#### EXAMPLE LETTER 4

##### Blessing

I want to become a mason. In order for me to become a mason, there are a few steps that I have to take. There are plans and regulations that I am willing to follow to become a masonry individual. I want to become a mason because I have some experience in masonry work. I enjoy doing masonry work, and I also want to be self-employed. The first step I'm going to take to become a mason is to attend school for masonry work. I will keep my OSHA certification up to date, and I will do well in all of my classes. I'm willing to go to a construction school. I plan to attend Penn State Beaver after high school because the teachers there offer great education to their students.

If becoming a mason doesn't work out, I would like to become a police officer. I would like to become a police officer because I want to give back to the community what I took from them. I also want to become a police officer, so I can help people in my community that need help. I also want to become a police officer because I do enjoy being able to provide protection for the people in my community. Becoming a police officer can help me to focus in on my weaknesses and help me to strengthen them.

My life plan is to first graduate from George Junior Republic High School. I will do that with the help of the judge and staff teaching me life skills. Some of those life skills are to manage money, gain more independence, manage my time, go grocery shopping, and pay the bills on time. I also want to learn how to open a bank account and how to use a debit card. I plan to continue education after George Junior Republic High School to become a mason. As previously stated, I

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want to go to Penn State Beaver for masonry work. After graduate from Penn State Beaver, I want to become successful and self-employed.

I plan to stay out of trouble one I leave George Junior Republic. There are a few steps I'm going to take to make sure I stay out of trouble. First, I'm going to use the skills that George Junior provided me. I'm going to use the education and life skills that I obtained to better myself when I leave. I'm also going to manage my anger and emotions. This will help me with relationships with peers and coworkers, once I leave George Junior. The most important thing I can do is to be around positive people that motivate me to do well in life. They won't bring me down and won't try to get me to do negative behaviors.

I'm going to study a lot to help me pursue my dream of becoming a mason. I'm going to go to school and pay attention in my classes. I'm also going to work hard to learn the material that is provided to me. Lastly, I'm going to use the material and apply it to my daily life. Studying is important for several reasons. First, it's important so I gain more knowledge about the subject. Second, it's important to study so I can get a good, successful job. This, studying is important because it helps me understand how to find good jobs and better my future.

There are a few steps I'm going to take to save. First, I will learn how to use a checking account and save my money. Second, I want to try and avoid having multiple credit cards. I also want to set up and manage a budget list every month. I want to take steps to help myself handle my responsibilities. First, I'm going to follow the rules and obey the laws. Next, I'm going to accept the path I take even if it's not the one I want to take right away. Lastly, I'm willing to take the risks of doing the right thing even when no one is watching me. I'm willing to do whatever I have to do



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to become successful. Therefore, I'm willing to accept the responsibilities and consequences for my actions when I get out of George Junior and live on my own. I understand blaming others for my negative behavior doesn't get me anywhere; it leaves me stuck not knowing who to blame for my behavior. I know now that my actions have caused a lot of harm to other people.

EXAMPLE LETTER 5

Dear Judge Hill:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ I am 19 years of age. I recently graduated from Arise Academy Charter High School On June 17th 2014. I am currently working at EW Rhodes Middle School with City Year Greater Philadelphia. City Year is a nonprofit organization that works in urban schools working to bridge the gap in high-poverty communities between the support that students actually need, and what their schools are designed and resourced to provide. In doing so, we're helping to increase graduation rates across the country, and changing the lives of the students we serve. I serve students in the 7th grade classroom. My role in the classroom is to provide classroom support for students that are struggling to grasp concepts given to them. Also, I am a mentor for most students showing them that it is possible to graduate and become whatever they desire to be. I am also an Attendance Coordinator along with two other City Year members. My role is finding ways to engage students in wanting to attend school and making it fun so they will come back the next day. City Year is a yearlong program and at the end, I will receive a grant for secondary school.

After City Year I plan to attend Community College Of Philadelphia for 2 years earning my Associate degree in Early Childhood Education. Then I would like to transfer to a university continuing my education and receiving my Bachelor's degree. Also, I would like to minor in business so I can open my own day care center and group homes for children that grew up like me. With earning my Associates degree, I plan to make a difference in my community for teens and children that are growing up in the child welfare system without any family as I did. I want to show teens and children that people really do care and want to see them succeed. I didn't always want to go to college because I didn't think I was smart enough to make it out of high school let alone make it to college. I didn't bother doing much work while in grade school. It took me to be placed at Arise Academy Charter High School to see that it was possible to make it to college. With the help of my teachers and my school counselor, I opened my eyes. I realized that there are other kids out in the world like me that need to see that you can make it out of any situations you're placed in if you keep an open mind and remain motivated. So with that I stayed motivated and tried as hard as I could to make it to graduation. I didn't graduate with the best grades but I definitely still made it.

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I want a lot for myself and I know with that it takes a lot of dedication and hard work. I am very passionate about what I want to do in the next 4 years and for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,