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Non-Resident Scholarship Application Essay

One lesson that I have carried with me throughout my entire life is that success comes where preparation meets opportunity. For much of my life, I have focused on getting a good education and preparing myself for the University of Massachusetts. I have made good decisions throughout my academic life and I believe those decisions have positioned me to succeed in college and beyond. For these reasons, I believe I deserve the non-resident scholarship for the University of Massachusetts.

I always knew that I wanted to go to UMass because it is a very prestigious and honorable school. For example, the university's College of Management is accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. That is a very important distinction. It is located in Boston where I can be close to important cultural opportunities and industry. This is a very strategic location. Finally, it is a publically funded university, which means I can work hard and find success with the help of an institution built by the local community. I consider it a privilege to be a part of this community and that is why I chose UMass as my school for secondary education.

In addition to working hard on the academic side, I also work hard on the industrial side. I work part time jobs in order to make enough spending money to pay for expenses such as text books, food, and tuition. With such a responsibility, I am careful about time management and ensuring that I spend an appropriate amount of time studying when I am not working at my part

time jobs. More time working does mean that I can spend less time studying. However, I make it work by putting in extra hours in the evenings and weekends or by taking my books with me to my job. If I were able to get this scholarship, I would not have to worry as much about working and I might be able to free up more of my time to focus solely on my studies. While I have learned valuable time management lessons from balancing work and study, I would welcome the opportunity to dedicate more of my hours to academic work instead of working to earn a paycheck.

As my transcripts shows, I have been a successful student in my coursework at UMass so far. I received straight As in my first semester of classes. I accomplished this despite having a 10-20 hour/week work schedule in addition to my full-time course load. I am confident that if I could earn a scholarship and dedicate even more time to my studies, I could truly go above and beyond. Not only would I continue to achieve excellent grades as my classes get harder and harder, I might also be able to complete valuable research for the university or spend extra time volunteering and giving back to the community that has provided me with such a great learning experience.

I am applying for this scholarship, not only because I could use the money that is awarded, but also because the scholarship could allow me to free up more of my time and give back to this great community. I do enjoy working hard both in and out of the classroom. However, I feel that with a little financial aid, I could dedicate more of my outside work to benefit my community as a whole, instead of just benefiting myself and my ability to pay my bills. I have always considered myself as someone who can learn to see the big picture. When I look at this scholarship, I do not just see a chance to get financial aid; I see a chance to help my community. That is my most important goal.