

Why college is so important to me?

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My name is Bill Shamblest, I am 17 years of age. My parents didn't go to college and are still struggling to make ends meet in the house. My grandma just recently passed away, but before she passed I made her a promise to not only get a diploma but be the first in the family to attend college. Her passing away caused the family a financial hardship with a large amount of hospital debts.

Even though my family is financially disabled to pay for my college education, I am determined to not let that effect me going to college to further my education. The day after Christmas my dad was laid off from his job of over 20 years.

My mom is working two jobs trying to take care of her bills. My parents are separated and I'm living with my father, along with his wife, and my one year old sister. My step mom is unemployed right now and doesn't have a drivers license.

I was employed at Lubys and received my driver license at age 16. I am very independent and well balanced. I never want to settle for less. I want to make a difference and end the illiteracy in my family. My expectations for my future are high. I have numerous goals that I want to accomplish. One short term goal is to get my associates degree in business before I am 20.