

College is not for everyone, but for me, college is one of the most valuable opportunities a person can pursue. In many situations, someone who attends college has many more opportunities to do well in life than someone who has not attended college. For example, my grandparents did not attend college and they had a hard life where they worked two jobs and were always concerned about money. My grandmother decided to go back to college when she was forty years old and she became a registered nurse. I am proud of her and her determination to return to college and make life easier for her and my grandfather. College is hard work that pays off. I would like to attend college because of my desire to learn, to become involved and develop my interests, and to become a more independent adult.

First of all, I would like to go to college because of my desire to learn. Throughout my grade school years, I really enjoyed learning new topics. From an early age, I always enjoyed reading and I have learned so much from books. I have been known to be full of “fun facts” because I enjoy learning about new information and different topics. As Socrates once said, “Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.” Therefore, education is about learning throughout your entire life. An education will take you as far as you are willing to go.

Second, college will allow me to become involved and develop my own personal interests. I am excited to focus on classes that interest me rather than the general education classes required by all students. While I must major in a specific field that related to the job I plan to perform, I can minor in any other field I find interesting. As of now, I plan to major in math, minor in French, and continue my education in law. I look forward to joining clubs and activities in which I can socialize with other people. I plan to participate in student government and bring about change where needed. I believe in helping my community and would love to get involved with service clubs which benefit others. And I hope to join a few clubs, like chess and robotics, for my own personal interests.

Finally, I want to go to college to become a more independent adult. In college, I will have to learn to live without family and friends. If I attend a college in a different city or state, I will have to get used to a new place. I will probably live in a dorm room with a roommate, and I will be responsible for almost everything in my life. Because of this, I think college is a sort of bridge between high school, where you have responsibilities but they aren't very numerous, and adulthood, where you are responsible for everything that you do.

In conclusion, my three reasons for wanting to attend college include my desire to learn, to become involved and develop my interests, and to become a more independent person. College is, in my mind, the final step before becoming an adult. You learn the majority of skills you will need for your career and throughout your life. I would encourage everyone to consider attending college. It can be extremely beneficial in developing peoples' abilities and talents. It can open peoples' minds to new and exciting ideas. College is not for everyone, but to me, it is next step to help me reach my goals in my career. Eleanor Roosevelt once said, “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”