

Why College is Important to Me
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My future enrollment to college is seen as a gateway to a myriad of opportunities. Not everyone feels that a college degree is a sure path to a successful future, and sometimes, it's not. But I know that this is the right path for me. I feel that college is important to me because we are heading into a knowledge based future and I want to be ready. The world we live in is getting more and more reliant on technology, and more fast-paced. The world values people who think, people who have ideas to keep us moving forward in all subjects. People depend on the ideas and actions of others and themselves to keep them safe, healthy and up-to-date. With a college education, I have the opportunity to learn what I want and what I need to make it.

Right now I would love to become a veterinarian. While I'm in college, I may find something that interests me more than that and I'll be able to learn about it. But for now, I want my future studies and career to be related to animals. To become a vet, I need to study in the science field before actually going to vet school. There will always be changes and new discoveries in every field, especially science, and a person needs a good work ethic to keep up, to be ready for that change, or even discover the changes themselves. I think that college can help me find better work ethics than I have now because I'll be even more motivated to try to be on top and get myself ready for the future; to ensure that my future goes the way I decide, not the way it just happens to go because of a lack of higher education. Not everything will be handed to me, so I need to work for it. Going to college is so important to me because I want to live up to my full potential. My aunt and my family see that I have the ability to do whatever I want in life. I want to show myself and them that what they see in me is true.

In California, budget cuts to the schools are hurting the students. They are taking away more opportunities to learn and explore interests in their lives. Students see that colleges are taking in fewer students simply because they can't afford it. So they see that their chances of being admitted are

dwindling and realize that they need to study hard to make themselves known. I'm one of those students and I know that I want my life after high school to include an acceptance into and graduation from college.

I want to live my future the way I want it; with a college degree so that I have options and opportunities to do what I want to do with my life. I feel that going to college will help make all of this happen.