

BAD SAMPLE PERSONAL STATEMENT

I have always known I wanted to go to law school. Ever since I was little, I would picture myself sitting in a courtroom and fighting for justice. This is a dream that I continue to pursue and that I hope to make become a reality at your law school. I have worked hard to get where I am and have several qualities that I think will make me an excellent candidate for your law school.

First, I am a very hard worker. When I came to college, I found that the classes were much more difficult than the classes I took in high school, even though I took a lot of AP classes in high school. However, I rose to the challenge early on and have been able to get great grades ever since. This meant that sometimes I had to sacrifice weekend nights or stay up late, but I have always done whatever it takes to get grades that I can be proud of.

Second, I am able to balance my time and still excel in my life. Throughout undergraduate school I have worked part-time, which has made it difficult to make my classes a priority. However, I have always been able to balance classes and work and do well in both.

Third, I believe in justice and I believe that law is the channel through which people can obtain justice. Everyday there are people who are wronged by others, by the system, even by government and their wrongs must be addressed. In America, we have decided that courts of law are the places where people will be heard, where their rights will be decided. I want to be one of those people who helps those who are not able to have their rights heard.

Fourth, I feel strongly about service. Though I have worked and gone to school since graduating from high school, I have made time to be a part of many different school clubs that have provided service to such places as the Women in Crisis Center, the Food and Care Coalition, and the Child's Hope Foundation. Whether serving hot meals to the homeless or tying quilts for children in foreign countries, I have enjoyed the service I have engaged in, and know that it is something I want to make a part of my life. Law is a way to serve those around us. Indeed, law allows one to make one's career not just a career, but a career of service.

Lastly, I know that I am qualified and ready to succeed at your law school. However, I don't plan stopping there. Someday I hope to serve in elected office whether as a state officer or a state judge so that I can continue to make a difference in my community. If you admit me, I will make the law school proud of my accomplishments and work as hard as it takes to become the best attorney I can be. Thank you for your time. I hope you will seriously consider my application.