

Sample for Admission Essay

What areas of your academic and professional careers have you so far made improvements in? What methods or principles have you used to accomplish this?

As part of my undergraduate curriculum, I had to work on an important project. I was given the responsibility of leading the group that was working on that particular project. During the course of working on the project, there were a few disagreements that emerged among the members of the group as a result of a few unfortunate occurrences. Because of these disagreements, the level of individual contributions from the team had severely decreased, and nobody's attention or emphasis was on concentrating on the successful completion of the project. After giving it a lot of thought, I decided to go with my gut and accept the responsibility of being the team leader. As a result, I took a more active part in the project than I normally would have. I went around to each individual member of my team and spent some time with each of them in order to provide them with a third party who could remain impartial while listening to their sides of the argument and gaining an understanding of the issue from their point of view. After receiving information from all of them, I was finally able to fit all of the puzzle pieces together and realise that the issue was not quite as difficult as they had made it out to be. As a result, I was able to clear up the misunderstandings that were leading to these challenges, which allowed me to solve these problems without any negative fallout. As soon as I was able to get the team back together, we were able to finish the project effectively, and there were no holdups in the submissions we made.

What changed your perspective of life recently?

In my opinion, a person's perspective and understanding of what is important in life can be shifted by a series of events that are not overtly dramatic. In my own life, there was an event that made me realise how society works and the hardships people experience when they try to make their own way in a developing country.

Using the money I had saved over the course of the school year, I planned to treat myself to a new smartphone over the summer. I joined Tata Docomo with a classmate from high school to work as a Sales Executive on the company's famed mobile network as a part-time gig. During the summer break, we would labour from dawn to dusk at the shop every day. When I went to work, I would put on a suit and tie, and sit at my desk, hoping to convince consumers to switch from prepaid services to postpaid services. Only two consumers were successfully converted for the entire month, resulting in me earning INR 500.

This is the first time in my life that I've had to work for money, and the experience rocked me to my core. In the past, I thought that making money was a simple process. Now, on the other hand, my perspective has shifted, and I have a newfound admiration and respect for those in the working class, regardless of their occupation. I learned a lot at work, like how to manage my time and how to deal with clients. But the most important lesson I've learnt is that money and hard labour are worth their weight in gold.