

Personal Statement

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Dear CLIP,

My dream is to go to law school, and even though I don't come from wealth, I don't let that hold back my ambition; in fact, it motivates me. I would be the first in my immediate and extended inner family to go to law school in a very long time, so experience, knowledge, and advice are in short supply for me when it comes to the law. That's why I choose, at every turn, to challenge myself with classes and experiences so I can acquire those missing things. If I'm selected for any internship, it would be the first time ever that I would be able to get hands-on experience with lawmaking, political decisions, policy work, and so much more. I like to think of this opportunity as a first step on my journey to achieve my goals and dream of being part of the Federal House of Representatives –after law school, of course.

I have worked for almost 4 years now in the food service industry. I have learned how to take orders, be polite to the most frustrating of customers, and be an impromptu customer service representative –when I'm simply just trying to be a cashier during rush hours... so it's no surprise that I have dealt with stressful situations. My stress management, work load organization, relentless dedication to any task, and my high standards of any work that I have learned through these years would hopefully be greatly appreciated at the hands of any office willing to take me. Not only have I worked in the food service industry, but I have also been involved in clubs that make me knowledgeable on the life of those who hold political offices. Now I'm involved in the Model UN and Political Science Club, which I have been a standard member of both for 2 years now. Throughout those years, I have helped people register to vote, wrote mock resolutions for problems in the UN, given speeches on argumentative topics, and, most importantly, learned how to work with those who share polarizing ideals. My experiences and skills, although limited when compared to some, could and should hopefully be the perfect tool to mold and develop into something grand and worth seeing in the Federal House of Representatives one day.

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