Personal Statement Example

I had been away from college for over two decades. I was a mother, a farmer, and an educator. I was not a student, just a woman passionate about learning and creating my own opportunities. Initially, I was not confident in my ability to succeed as a student but the professors at GCC are helping me see what I’m truly capable of through their support, guidance, and interest in my success. I am now one who makes the Deans List. I am one who stands before over one hundred people to pitch a new business idea. I am one who seeks out students in need of help with math, accounting or English.

I am a Business Administration Transfer Major and plan to attend the Isenberg School of Management by the spring of 2017. My academic goal is to build an extensive foundation in planning, systems, communication, organizational behavior, and economics. With this degree, I intend to create a citywide ecosystem that supports economic growth through government and community-wide education, planning, and support systems. I want to help communities create their own economic transformations from the ground up.

I am passionately committed to helping my local communities thrive and overcome their challenges because I love where I live. I currently volunteer on the board of the Village Cooperative Store in Leverett, MA, and participate on the Franklin Regional Planning Board, and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy committee. These opportunities help me to see the importance of developing partnerships between communities, organizations and governing bodies; the importance of cultivating individuals into people who actively seek out opportunities for themselves; the importance of collaboration and the value of initiatives created by the people themselves.
Scholarship funding will be integral to my continued pursuit of a high quality education. As a hard working and talented student trying to juggle the responsibilities of family, work, academic success, and community service, the financial award will help to mitigate some of the stress entailed in paying for college. A scholarship award will support me to continue going above and beyond in each of my classes. It will support my desire and ability to apply the things I learn in class to real-life, tangible activities that I do for my community. A scholarship award is another facet of the educational ecosystem that I am currently creating around myself in order to succeed. Thank you for your consideration.