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Personal Statement: Transfer

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Funding the Future

Education is the key to my future. Long Beach City College is the beginning of an odyssey that will take me from waiting on tables to finishing a Ph.D. in English, acquiring a full-time teaching position, and developing a creative writing career. The money offered by the LBCC Foundation will make it possible to complete this journey. I therefore submit the following biography in the hope that you will find me worthy of a much-needed scholarship.

I am an honors student with an overall GPA of 3.73. I am a high achiever and always seek to give 100% of my ability to every assignment in every class. The time and effort I devote to my classes can be seen through my Philosophy 6H research project which I completed this semester; while everyone had a choice between a research paper or website, I was the only person in the class who chose to do the extra work required to produce a web site. It is not the A+ that I received, but rather the meeting of my own expectations that gave me the most satisfaction. My web site can be found at <http://home.lbcc.cc.ca.us/mlawrence/ccoleman.htm>. With encouragement from my English 1H professor, I plan to enter the Long Beach City College's fifteenth annual essay contest this spring.

Not only am I a dedicated student, I am also very active on campus through the clubs Alpha Gamma Sigma and Leaders Across Campus. I am an officer in Alpha Gamma Sigma responsible for creating and maintaining our first web site. I serve as a mentor to an international student in Leaders Across Campus. My involvement in these clubs gives me the opportunity to

serve the college community while further developing the leadership and communication skills necessary to obtain my educational and career goals.

My goals are ambitious. Upon graduating from LBCC with honors, I will transfer to UCI in fall 2001 and pursue my double major of English and History. After receiving my bachelor's degree, I will pursue my graduate degree in English and ultimately teach in the community college system; I will also pursue my dream of writing historical-fiction novels.

Although I do aspire to great visions, with financial help, these dreams can become a reality. While I am willing to work very hard to achieve my goals, I am not able to reach my objectives on my own. I do not qualify for government aid due to my husband's income; however, as he is currently paying back his own educational debts there is little money available for my education. Because my education is my full-time priority, I am only able to maintain part-time employment. Plans, goals, desires, drive, ambition, talent, creativity, work ethic: these things I have in abundance; finances are my only limitation.

I am taking advantage of all the programs LBCC offers on the road to scholastic success. My professors at LBCC have been invaluable in helping me to discover my own talents and skills while encouraging me to strive for greatness. It is one of my greatest desires to return to LBCC as an instructor and give back to other students some measure of what has been given to me.

Thank you for your consideration of me as a scholarship candidate.