

## Goal Statement

My educational goal is to earn a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts, general communication. I have now completed HIST 152, with an "A", HIST 365, with a "B", COM 250 with an "A" and EAS 100, with an "A", COM 318 with a "B", COM 100 with an "A", COM 204 with a "B", COM 212 with a "B", COM 376 with an "A", COM 314 with a "B", and ENG 264 with a "B", since re-entering Purdue University in the spring semester of 2002. Currently, I am taking 3 credit hours, COM 325, Interviewing Principles and Practice. I completed the prerequisite courses to enter the major of Communication in the Fall 2004 semester and am classified as a junior.

I have been at the University for six years and two months in the Business Office as an account clerk. My job is challenging, rewarding and was reclassified to a higher level last year. The computer skills and job knowledge that I have obtained at my current position have been enhanced enough to direct part of my attention to returning to Purdue as a part-time student. Learning my job prior to taking classes was a personal goal; I felt it was important not only to me but to Purdue University. My feelings represent a strong dedication and determination to broaden my education and career. This year Purdue is implementing new computer systems and my whole job process is changing. In this challenging time, I welcome these changes as I know they will bring a better service to Purdue and its employees. I completed and graduated from the two year ACE Program here at Purdue University in May 2004. Some other work achievements from past years include the EDLAMTEC Cluster Committee, FOCUS and Customer Service Certification. I was asked to coordinate the EDLAMTEC Clerical Cluster Committee for 2 years due to previous experience on the committee. I cordially accepted the invitation to continue my job growth.

As far as personal accomplishments, I have a wonderful family. I work to nurture and support three beautiful daughters. Leading by example, I hope to teach my children how important a strong education is. Hopefully my children will choose to seek a college degree after high school as they have seen first hand the struggles of life without the higher education degree. I have almost always held more than one job since their births. I am always looking for a way to improve our family life. Gaining knowledge, skills, respect and income is a definite step forward for my life and career.

In 1984, after graduating in the top 10% of my class I did not have an established direction for the real world. Now, my confidence continues to grow by attending classes and will benefit my career here at Purdue University and my life at home. I know that I can and will achieve this goal. Your consideration of awarding me with a CSSAC Employee Grant is greatly appreciated.