

Please highlight your volunteer service (not school related):

Outside of my school's community service club, I have been committed to volunteer service in two primary ways. During my junior year, I served as the Social Action Vice President on the local chapter of United Synagogue Youth (USY). In this position, I planned community service and charity events for the members of my local chapter focusing on community service projects throughout the Denver area. This year, I have brought my passion for social action to the 10 Midwestern states that compose the USY region after being elected to serve as the Regional Executive Social Action Vice President. Since taking office in April, I have helped over 15 USY chapters across the region to plan community service events for their members and raise funds to assist organizations within their local communities. In November, I planned an Invisible Children program for over 400 teenagers attending a regional convention. This program raised awareness and funds for children living in Uganda who must travel extreme distances to avoid being abducted and forced into becoming child soldiers. My desire to get all teenagers involved in community service is also demonstrated through my work with the Denver Community Chesed Coalition. *Chesed* is the Hebrew word for charity, and this group coordinates volunteer opportunities across many Jewish teen youth groups in Denver. The Denver Community Chesed Coalition and USY have allowed me to develop leadership skills while maintaining active involvement in volunteer work. In addition, my school requires seniors to have a non-paid internship for the last month of their senior year; I chose to do volunteer service for my internship by working at Dress for Success Denver, a local branch of a nationwide non-profit organization that helps to prepare underprivileged women for job interviews so they can have economic independence.

Please describe your employee experience (type, hours per week, etc.):

Since sophomore year, I have held a clerical position at the University of Colorado. I am a Level III Student Worker, and generally work 2-4 hours a week at the Physical Therapy Program Office. I have typical clerical responsibilities such as filing and preparing mailings.

Please write a short statement regarding your educational and career goals:

At this time, I am interested in majoring in journalism. The Ohio State journalism program requires students to also have a minor, and I would like to pursue business. Although I am not exactly sure as to what job I would like to have, I think that this combination of journalism and business would prepare me for whatever career path I choose to follow. I am interested in working for some type of non-profit or philanthropic organization in the future, and the skills I hope to gain in the journalism program at Ohio State will give me a strong foundation to develop a career upon. This April, I will be interning at Dress for Success Denver for a month. Dress for Success is a non-profit organization that helps underprivileged women become economically independent by teaching them office skills and preparing them for job interviews. This type of organization is one that I can definitely see myself being involved in as a career, and I think my internship at Dress for Success will help me to determine what other educational endeavors I want to pursue at Ohio State.

Why would you like to attend Ohio State?

I have been Ohio State fan for as long as I can remember. I was born in Akron, my dad was born in New Philadelphia, and my parents grew up on the same street. I have relatives in Dayton, Beachwood, Solon, Aurora, Canton, Bexley, Columbus, and Cleveland – just to name a few. My grandfather is friends with Woody Hayes. My mom used to drive a scarlet and grey mini-van with the Block O painted on it. No family gathering – from Bar Mitzvahs to weddings – is complete without an Ohio State game. Sometimes I think I may have scarlet blood rather than red; I was born loving Ohio State. I will be the fourth generation to attend OSU of my maternal lineage; my mom, grandfather, and great-grandmother all attended Ohio State. And because both sides of my family are based in Ohio, I will become the twenty-seventh person to attend The Ohio State University.

It is obvious that there is a lot of pride attached to the Ohio State name, but that is not the only reason I want to go to OSU. Because Ohio State is the biggest undergraduate university in the United States, it has more opportunities than any other school. Even though I do have an idea about what my goals are for the future, I am only seventeen years old, and I still have a long time to develop my talents and passions. While some people critique Ohio State's size, I think that I will be able to build my own community by getting involved in the activities the school has to offer. I have already been accepted to the Honors Program, and this is one way that I will initially find my own unique, individual place at Ohio State. And I'll get to watch some great football games while I'm there!