Keisha Brooks

Personal Statement

Growing up as the eldest in a family of six, I've naturally found myself in the role of the caretaker, mediator, and at times, even the entertainer. This inherent responsibility has shaped me into someone who values family, creativity, and loyalty above all else.

One of the most defining experiences in my life has been assisting my parents with their small business. Some weekends, I'd find myself taking orders, engaging with customers, and even playing the part-time accountant, balancing the books. Though it might seem mundane to some, these moments taught me the importance of diligence, hard work, and adaptability. It was in these hustle and bustle days that I realized the role of every individual in a bigger picture.

Outside of home, my school's Drama Club has been a haven for me. While I've always been responsible and measured in my actions at home, the club provides me a platform to break free and let my imagination run wild. Once, for a play, I integrated some sketches I drew, turning them into props that were later lauded as innovative and deeply personal. This fusion of my hobby and passion highlighted the magic that arises when creativity meets dedication.

I relish my weekends, which are often dotted with attending local music gigs or watching movies. These experiences have expanded my understanding of diverse narratives, cultures, and perspectives. They have also taught me the importance of stories and how they help connect and resonate with people from all walks of life.

However, it's not all been rosy. Juggling school, responsibilities at home, and my personal interests has been challenging. There were times when my academic results were not reflective of my potential. But these experiences, the highs and the lows, have imbibed in me resilience and the ability to keep moving forward with an unwavering spirit.

In all, I believe that my multifaceted experiences and values make me a unique individual who has a lot to bring to the table. I am eager to embrace the challenges and opportunities that college presents, expanding my horizons further.