

## **Career Aspirations and Goals Essay**

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My major area of study is Information Science with a concentration in Web Development. It is relevant to my career aspirations. I would like to start off as a web developer and then move on to programming later. In my future I envision designing and building websites. I selected this career since I have been using computers and browsing the web since I was a child. From the old boxy CRT monitors to the flatscreen LED monitors of today. I figured that I would like to contribute to the tool that I have been using for all these years.

I do not have any professional experience in this career area. The only experience I have so far is from the assignments and projects from courses related to web development. I do have other experience from working at Advance Auto Parts that can be applied to this career. Working with clients, problem solving, and teamwork. I have not attended the University of South Florida (USF) Career Services Website before. After looking it over, I do see that it provides listings for jobs and internships. I have been able to find many that are related to web development. I have attended a Career Services event before. I had attended a career fair when I was a Freshman. I met a lot of recruiters from various companies and was given a lot of pamphlets. A lot of representatives expressed kindness and some interest, but insisted that I should return when I became a Junior or Senior. I do not have any intern experience at the moment and just some volunteer experience cleaning around Tampa.

I have done some research for my chosen career by using the Occupational Outlook Handbook by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Within the next decade, web developer jobs are expected to grow 8% which is considered faster than average (U.S.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2025). The average pay for web developers in the top industries is \$90,600 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2025). The outlook for a web developer is promising and I am positive that I will be able to find work in the field.

### **Conclusion**

To enter my chosen career I plan to work on personal projects to practice my skills. I would also like to do an internship. Ultimately, I believe that I should begin my career in the public sector and then move onto the private sector when I acquire enough experience. The web has been a part of my life for as long as I remember. It is a field that is expected to grow rapidly in the next decade. I just wish to contribute to something that has always given to me.

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