

Why are you applying for financial aid?

I come from a lower- middle class family in India, my dad owns a small business and works very hard to be able to pay for my college tuition Fee, which is so high that he has taken a loan for it from a friend, as banks won't give one, There are already a lot of responsibilities on him, as we live a nuclear family and he is the sole earner in the house.

Among all this, instead of helping him in his business, he's supported me and is allowing me to study and pursue my interests and follow my passion without complaining once. Hence it would not be possible for him to pay for online courses I do as that would just be extra financial Burden which I can't put on him. He already is doing so much for me that I can't expect more, hence financial aid is the only way I can complete the course and earn a certificate at the end.

How will taking this course help you achieve your career goals?

I am a robotics enthusiast, they've embezzled me since my childhood, when I used to watch movies about them and I knew from the beginning that that is something I would like to work on. The idea to be able to make a machine do some dangerous tasks which can be harmful for humans inspires me to work even more keenly. This requires the robot to be at least semi-autonomous, robust and smart.

Works like sewage cleaning, or first responders during calamities or some man-created dangerous situation seems to be something that would ensure a safer and better future for humanity, and so this is the field I would like to work in, and for that this course teaches some key concepts by one of the best known professor in aerial robotics. There is no such course in my college and hence a certificate would be important so that I could show it when I find other people working in a similar field and I am interested in working with them.

So yes, I can very surely say that this course is an essential step for achieving my career goals.

If no then why?

As I already mention that it wouldn't be possible to ask my father for extra money. Also there is the fact that there's no guarantee of me getting a job in the future, so I myself might not be able to pay it anytime soon.

Apart from that it would add to the financial pressure that my family already has and would make me feel much much more guilty and burdened than I already do.