

Google Udacity Scholarship Entry

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What do you hope to accomplish through this program?

Please comment on relevant personal and professional goals. Include information about professional achievements (e.g., projects) that demonstrate how you have worked towards your goal. Please answer using complete sentences and no more than 150 words.

I've always flirted with the idea of becoming a programmer, working on a side project here or there, teaching HTML and CSS to low-income students, or helping a friend or 2 get their website up and running.

As a designer, I have substantial impact, yet it always falls just short of my intent. To be able to craft a vision and not be able to execute on it has always frustrated me. It's typically the fork in the road that determines whether something gets done.

Programming is the natural next step in pursuing my goals in leveraging technology to build products and services that can have a meaningful and lasting impact on our world. I'd like to use my skills to help organizations and causes in need expand their outreach in the most unlikely of places, and I believe mobile is the tool best equipped to do so.

Why do you deserve a scholarship?

Please include a detailed response between 100-250 words.

I deserve this scholarship because I am prepared to accept the challenge of committing the time and effort to succeed in completing the coursework, to keep pushing through when it gets hard.

While a full-time student with a side job, I taught myself Photoshop, HTML, CSS to make websites to share my writing and artwork online. I later added PHP and WordPress to my repertoire to create more complex websites and communities.

My love of front-end development and graphic design eventually overshadowed my interests in drawing and writing, though these skills still remained an asset. Together, these led to my first internships, and ultimately my career. I later supplemented this knowledge with courses at General Assembly and Metis in UX and Front-End Development, picking up the fundamentals in UX and research methodologies, as well as JavaScript and Sass

along the way. This base of knowledge will help me to succeed in completing this material and making the most of this scholarship.

I deserve this scholarship because I can and will leverage this knowledge to continue to make a difference in my community of New York City. I want to help organizations like New York On Tech expand their programs that teach high school students the basics in HTML and CSS, initiatives I believe will help make a positive impact on the city and the nation. Civic tech is the way forward. I would be honored and indebted with the knowledge that Udacity and Google empowered these endeavors.