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## Personal Statements

My upbringing instilled a deep resentment towards education, and I was not emotionally equipped with dealing with the traumas that produced that resentment. This resulted in my temporary withdrawal from school. I do not believe that elaboration upon this is appropriate upon here, so I will not write any more on this.

Next, since the GRE is a requirement for this program, I will speak briefly about my GRE scores. Please be advised that this is the only program (Quantitative Psychology) that I am applying to that requires the GRE. I was not going to apply to this program because of this requirement as it would put undue financial stress on me. Nevertheless, a last minute gift allowed me to take the GRE, so I was able to include this program in my applications. Unfortunately, because of the limited time, I was unable to study for the exam at all and had to take it blind. Given enough study time, I believe that I would have be able to perform much better, so I do not believe that my poor scores reflect my potential.

I believe it would be remiss to omit my experience as a serial entrepreneur. My journey as a business owner multiple times over provides me with a unique perspective on life and work. Entrepreneurs must be capable of careful planning, communication, implementation, and execution. These are mature skills that I have honed for over 10 years and I truly believe that they would be invaluable in research, teaching, and collaborating with a diverse community of students and colleagues.