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### Application for Readmission

I was having trouble deciding how to explain the issues I've dealt with over the last ten years. The problems I had my first time at the University of Maryland is still a sore topic I do not like to discuss with many people. I had an easy time in high school, and didn't have to put in much effort in order to pass. It was a bad habit I never had to break and in college it finally caught up to me. I never had to put in hard work before, but once I had to, I couldn't force myself to. I also had ADHD and an allergy to Ritalin that kept it from being properly treated. As well as just a basic misunderstanding of what I wanted out of life. I simply wasn't ready the first time around. I've spent the years since figuring out what I really wanted and working on the problems that stopped me the first time.

Since I originally attended University of Maryland, I've had successes returning to school. I completed a Pastry Arts certification at L'Academie de Cuisine in Gaithersburg, MD. Due to issues with the economy and the employment market I decided to return to school after two years, to return to what I originally wanted to do in science. Helping me get to that point was actually a trip to Ability Potentials, a career counseling company that helps you determine in what fields your strengths and weaknesses lay. In the end, everything they told me I somewhat already knew, but having it told to me and that it wasn't something I was doing to myself out of laziness or incompetence was what helped me when I did return. As well, successfully completing the Pastry Arts program helped me to realize I could put in the work and finish something. I've also been seeing a psychologist. I learned not only to control my ADHD myself but also am on a newer medication which didn't exist before that truly seems to help with concentration.

UMUC at first was meeting those needs, and was a program that used to work with my style of learning. I need the offline classes, I learned better with lectures and a teacher to talk to. When they altered their program, shortening the classes to eight weeks, I also began having trouble finding classes I needed to take offline. I had to go online to get classes I needed to take. Online is a horrible way for me to learn. There is little contact with the teacher, and I had a few that barely seemed to care for the class. I had teachers that took days to respond to my requests for help on projects. I realized another issue when I was having a conversation with my friends about it. I felt like I was paying \$750 dollars to have an instructor tell me to read a book that cost me \$150 and didn't give anything more to the class. While that may work for some people, it doesn't work for me.

My intention with reapplying for admission with University of Maryland and attending the Shady Grove campus is to return to a real classroom. I need the lectures, and I need the attention of a teacher that I can go to when I have questions. I'm hoping by returning to a campus based school, I'll be able to get this.