

My Goals and Expectations from Recording Radio Film Connection

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The assignment ask for the pupil to clearly identify their objectives and expectations from the program in 1-2 pages. Recording Radio Film Connection advertises itself as an apprenticeship program where you get to work directly with mentors who have industry experience. I want exactly what you are advertising to me. I stumbled onto your website while on work travel doing some government contracting and thinking about my next steps in my career. I have no experience in media and would like to learn directly from professionals, get set up with mentors, see how film sets function and work, get some hands on learning, network and build rapport with professionals in recording, radio, or film industry. Since I don't have a clue on what I need to learn, I don't have any clear expectations at this moment but to absorb industry experience and try to make something out of my networking and what I learn through the program. I believe I have built the project management skills from previous work experience that I can apply to my learning through the film production program. I have an interest in bringing my story ideas in animation, documentaries, drama, action, or comedy to life on screen or in book. I want to build my confidence and have the courage to give this a try. I hope I can be another success story while possibly starting a career in a new field of work. I don't have clear 1-2-3 steps of expectations that I can outline for you in 1-2 pages but, I can tell you that I've been inspired by some of the works/productions (movies, books, etc.) of professionals in media and how I came about this decision to enroll in this program.

My story is nothing new that you haven't heard of before, I've come to a point in my life where I have a desire to change the career that I have built my life around thus far. I believe most people are trying to find a means to survive, whether it be a job where they have some type of income for their needs and wants or exploring their passions. Some folks wander in life trying to figure out what they are good at or what their purpose are in this given life. Most of my career has been in government contracting and consulting. My education has been built on information technology and social science studies. I have about twelve years of professional experience working on contracts where I have provided my assistance in customer and administrative services, program and project management in government grants and public assistance, and produced cartographic maps and data using Geographic Information Systems. I suppose I have found myself needing a change in career and wanting to put some of my creative thoughts and ideas on film. I am a person seeking contentment through working in the creative field. I want to see where my creativity and ideas can take me in storytelling. I want to work hands on and see productions unfold and be responsible for seeing the ins and outs of

putting a film production together. I have hit a point in my life where I have experience severe depression. I believe being able to come up with story ideas and doing art while facing this hardship during that moment helped me explore some of my untapped creative talent. It slowly got me out of depression without me knowing that I had a desire to do creative work in a creative field. So here I am, enrolling myself in an apprenticeship program where I can possible network and meet mentors who can help me gain experience and possibly grow a career in film production. I have been consistently exploring my next step. Should I get my masters degree? Should I be saving to buy a house?...and the many other questions I ask myself on my drive to and from work or while I'm doing day to day task and having conversations with friends and strangers. Exploring my past, my present, and trying to plan for my future. During times of work stress, or when I am driving from point A to point B, I find myself observing people, places, and things. I question how that business came to be, or where the person is going or what they are thinking. Lately I've been writing short stories in my mind or making presumptions, passing judgment on my focal point. Some have been either comedic or dumb ideas while trying to find some form of entertainment to get myself by, whether it's to pass time, a creative stroke, or a thought that has entered my mind. Sometimes I see existing businesses and I come up with commercials or ads for the business. My after thought is that during these moments of creative ideas forming in my mind, whether I am aware of it or not, brings me what I would refer to as contentment in that moment. It has been attributed to Einstein, Mark Twain, and Ben Franklin that the quote insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. I have worked in government consulting and contracting, and I have tried to climb the corporate ladder for a bigger paycheck or a bigger role, trying to fill in a void and find happiness, which is fleeting and to some extent a state of mind. I have find that when I experience stress, my minds exploration for story ideas is what helps me find relieve from the mental anxieties from life itself. However, I have also experience moments when being on a creative high has brought on the mental anxieties. But if I pace myself and find balance with my ideas, I think I would do well in this field. I want to give it a try, bring some of these ideas and work with other creative minds to bring it to life and not just thinking about them in my mind, whether it is to relay a message or to provide as a production of entertainment. I remember taking Journalism class in middle school and it being one of my favorite classes, working on putting together a year book and writing articles for the school newsletter. I minored in Communications, and remember enjoying the conversations in class and the psychology that goes along with media. Maybe I am being nostalgic but, I just know I feel as if I have hit a dry point in my career and would like to try and earn a living by dabbling in something new. I think about doing something fun while making a comfortable living. I have a desire to

learn and tap into what I believe is possibly hidden talent, putting all the pieces and functions of a production together. I want to see some of my creative ideas be produced in media such as book, recording, radio, or film. I also want my work to be a positive influence on people.