Scholarship Essay

For entering freshman to JSCC (or any college): Explain the reason you want to attend JSCC (or other college).

A smile is the same in every language. No matter where a person is from, a smile communicates the same general idea: happiness. How great would it be to have a job that focuses on smiles and spreading positivity? For this reason, I have decided that I want to major in psychology. I want to have a job that targets understanding why people feel the way they do and using that to help them feel the best that they can. I have decided that The University of Alabama and its psychology department are my best choices in following the dream career I have had for many years. My parents shaping me into who I am today, the opportunities this college has to offer, and the ways I plan to give back to the community based on what I learn in college are all reasons as to why I believe that majoring in psychology at The University of Alabama is the right choice for me. Excellent start

To begin with, parents are very similar to psychologists in the way that they help and guide us in the right path through lessons and by being role models to us. My parents have always been very strong “guidance counselors.” I have always received the advice I need from them for anything that I am going through. My parents have also always been easy to talk to, and I am able to talk to them about anything I want to get off of my mind. I want to be like my parents in the ways that they are guiders and advisers. Being a psychologist would allow me the opportunity to guide others and direct them onto the right path, just as my parents have done for me throughout my life. Excellent connection to family

In addition, the University of Alabama has a great psychology department that I can learn a lot from to help lead me to the career I want. I have talked to psychologists in the Birmingham area to ask them where they went to college. The one that stood out to me was a psychologist that went to The University of Alabama. She said that she really enjoyed her experience at UA as she went through their
psychology department. With this department being founded in 1937, I believe that it has the experience to thoroughly teach its students all about the psychological field. I was also fond of the idea of the clinics this college holds. In particular, I liked the psychology clinic and how it has a training program where trainees can work with people of all ages. I want as much practice as I can get before I get a job in psychology, so this clinic would give me a lot of training. Along with the amazing programs, UA is not far away from my family which is an important factor to me when choosing a college. The University of Alabama has everything that I have been searching for in a college to help me accomplish my biggest dream.

Moreover, I plan on giving back to my community after getting a degree in psychology. With a degree in this field, I would never fail to help people since that is the ultimate goal of psychologists. Psychology would allow me the opportunity to help people in my Alabama community by directing them in the right path based on what I determine from the knowledge I could perhaps gain at The University of Alabama. If I can help at least one person in the area, they can in turn teach others what they have learned from me. This would result in a train of positive lessons. I want to genuinely better our community as a psychologist and help us all connect with one another through happy smiles.

Ultimately, I am determined to get my degree in psychology and get a job as a psychologist. With all of the knowledge from my possible college education at UA, I would undoubtedly be able to understand my patients and help them thrive. My overall goal as a psychologist is to impact people in a positive way and make them the happiest they have ever been. As a psychologist, I want every person I help to be able to leave an imprint of positivity throughout the world.