

Requirement 1:

As a 2nd year student at the University of Virginia my career goals are quickly gaining prioritization. In order to achieve those career goals I must maintain a certain level of academics. I am currently on the Pre-Commerce track in the College of Arts and Sciences. After this semester I will be applying to the McIntire School of Commerce and hope to pursue the financial concentration. As you can see on the attached resume that my plan for the next fifteen years begins this summer. I am aiming to intern at a wealth management firm, as I believe it provides a great entry into the world of finance. These next 12 months are crucial in determining where I land after I complete my degree and I fully intend on making the most of them.

In terms of education, I am very fond of the University of Virginia's business degrees, both undergraduate and graduate. My biggest priority right now is gaining admittance into the McIntire School of Commerce. The McIntire School of Commerce provides not only one of the highest rated business programs in the country but also one that has a history of terrific job placement. It has a proven track record to produce some of the financial world's most capable leaders. Investment banking is the field that I hope to break into once I complete my degree, the McIntire School of Commerce places exceptionally well in this field. The company that I am aiming to work for after completing my degree, Goldman Sachs, is also known to recruit from McIntire School of Commerce.

My career goals for the next fifteen years depend heavily around my undergraduate education. I believe that with the combination of the McIntire School of Commerce and relative work experiences, I would have a great chance of landing the investment banking analyst role listed on my attached resume. After that I plan on working in investment banking for 3-4 years before pursuing another degree. The Darden School of Business in Charlottesville is where I hope to obtain my masters degree. The Darden School of Business offers one of the most valuable masters in administration program in the entire country. In that program I hope to further fulfill my education of investment banking by declaring that concentration. Also during my time in business school I hope to maintain a very competitive GPA, which would be essential to landing a managerial role after completing my degree there.

Other than investment banking, I am also very interested in the private equity field. I hope to enter the role of manager in private equity after obtaining my MBA. One of the main reasons I hope to break into

investment banking is because of the great exit opportunities its able to provide, many investment bankers are able to transition into private equity seamlessly. Post MBA I am aiming to work for a private equity firm known as "The Blackstone Group". It is one of the largest private equity firms and is based in New York City. With the combination of consistently high quality work and establishing solid relationships, I hope to work my way through the hierarchy. By 2029 I would like to be working as a managing director at The Blackstone group. I realize that my goals seem very ambitious but I firmly believe in aiming for the stars. These next three years of college will play a huge factor in reaching those goals and I intend to give it my best shot.

Other than working in the world of finance, I hope to start my own non-profit organization. Last summer I was able to intern at a non-profit based outside of Washington DC and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The nonprofit I worked for mainly focused on assisting in decreasing the homeless population in Washington DC. My nonprofit organization is mainly going to revolve around the country I was born in, Pakistan. There are many struggles the citizens of Pakistan face on a daily basis and I aim to start an organization that can solve some of these issues. Along with starting my own non-profit, I would love to complete one or two tours with the Peace Corps. My plan would be to either complete a tour before starting graduate business school or afterwards before starting another job.

In order to fulfill my goals I need to maintain a high standard of education. Both the undergraduate and graduate business programs at the University of Virginia will prepare me fully for the investment banking and private equity positions I hope to obtain. I believe in order to achieve the ultimate Managing Director role in private equity I need to follow the formula I have laid out. Over the past couple of years I've realized that the snowball effect is very important when it comes to any career path. By starting out as an investment banker at a company such as Goldman Sachs, often referred to as highly prestigious, you are far more likely to end up in a management role later. This means that the next five years are essential to my ultimate success and I hope to make the most of them.

RESUME ATTACHED AS SEPARATE DOCUMENT

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