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Composition II

“My Transition To College”

When I was 16 years old, I dropped out of high school. I had a kid, and I didn't really take school seriously anyway, so I just quit. I remodeled during the summers, and I figured that is what I was going to do the rest of my life anyway, so the need for money outweighed the need for education in my mind. Needless to say, nothing ever worked out the way that I planned it to. Everything started to get worse and worse, so when I turned 18, I got my GED and joined the Army. I fit right in. I loved the work that I was doing, and I never had to worry about getting paid. Sure it had its ups and downs, but it was perfect for me, so I stayed in as long as I could.

I got out of the Army 6 years ago and went to work on the farm. I now make a living raising about every kind of animal that you can imagine being on a farm. I sat down and done all of the figuring, and there is a lot of money spent on paying a veterinarian, and I mean a lot. So I decided that I need to be my own vet. If I just worked on my own animals, I could make a living on keeping just the money that I pay out to a vet. So once again I got an idea in my head that I should go to school and be a veterinarian, so, of course, that is what I am doing.

The transition into going to college didn't go as smooth as I hoped that it would. I started last year, and I quit school when I was 16, so I hadn't been to school in over 19 years. I way underestimated how hard the work would be for me. Passing the math has probably been one of the hardest things, and I started in a zero level class. One of the biggest things that I did wrong when I started was take too many classes my first semester. The workload was too big, so I have cut that down quite a bit. I also had to figure out a routine for doing my homework and trying to not let doing one classes homework interfere with getting another class's homework done. I

have a pretty solid schedule now with getting my work at home done and my school work, so things are going a lot smoother now.

Starting this whole process was definitely something that I should have given more thought to, but when I joined the Army I just went and joined kind of spur of the moment, and that seems to have worked out. I am praying that this works out the way that I planned it to because after all of the time and money, if it doesn't I am going to be seriously pissed off!