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Personal Autobiography — Jordan Ellis

Persona: Jordan Ellis, 20, applying for a community college transfer and part-time job simultaneously

I grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the middle child of three in a single-parent household. My mother, Diana Ellis, worked as a licensed practical nurse on rotating shifts at Saint Francis Hospital for as long as I can remember. The logistics of our household meant that from the age of twelve I was responsible for getting my younger sister ready for school most mornings, managing our grocery list, and making sure bills were paid on time when my mother was on a night rotation. I did not think of this as unusual at the time. It was simply the shape of our life.

I attended Edison Preparatory School in Tulsa, where I maintained a 3.4 GPA while working twelve hours a week at a neighbourhood grocery store from the age of sixteen. I was particularly strong in mathematics and English composition, and my junior-year English teacher, Ms. Renata Briggs, encouraged me to apply for the school's writing competition, which I won in 2022 with an essay on economic mobility in mid-sized American cities. That recognition mattered to me less for the award itself than for what it confirmed: that the observations I had been making about my community since childhood were worth articulating.

I enrolled at Tulsa Community College in the fall of 2023, declaring a major in Business Administration with the intention of eventually completing a bachelor's degree in

finance. My first year was strong academically — I finished with a 3.7 GPA — but financially difficult. I continued working, took on a second part-time position at a copy and print shop downtown, and managed my coursework around a schedule that left little room for error. That year taught me discipline in a very practical sense: not as an abstract virtue but as the daily management of competing obligations.

My goal is to transfer to a four-year programme where I can focus more fully on my academic work, and to find employment that offers enough stability to make that focus possible. I bring to both contexts a demonstrated ability to manage responsibility under pressure, a genuine interest in financial systems and their relationship to community outcomes, and a work history that reflects consistency rather than convenience. I am applying not because my path has been easy but because I have been deliberate about it, and I intend to continue being so.



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