

PERSONAL ESSAY

Values are what guide you in your life and work. In 500 words, what values are important to you and how have they influenced you?

Values are what determines a person's decisions the most. At least for me, my family has been the important value which has affected almost all my decisions and guide me. Luckily, I have been blessed with a large and understanding immediate as well as extended family members. Owing to their trust in me, I was able to educate and empower myself and continue to do so. They have also made me value and maintain healthy relationships whether it may be in my personal life or professionally. Effective communication is another value that I abide to thanks to my relationships. It has helped me excel in my academics as well as during my internships, being able to establish an interaction with people of any age and background is what I have learnt especially during my internships when I had foreign nationals as tourists or school going Kids.

Taking responsibility or being the one in charge is another value that has been imbibed in me. Being the eldest is what naturally brought this value to me. I am always motivated to take roles that require me being in charge. During my undergraduate degree I took up many such responsibilities' such as leading whole class and organizing departmental events, leading and arranging tours, always making the PPT's for group presentations, also winning intercollegiate competitions and volunteering for various events. Living in a patriarchal society and having no male siblings has made me value Learning and personal development. It made me understand that only I can empower and help myself and key to that is education and knowledge. I enjoy to learn about new topics, I have an interest in research and have always valued knowledge over just learning for passing. For example, I was praised for my research that I brought together in semester 5 and during my internship with Yatra activities where I researched on various topics related to city of Mumbai. I hope that I can empower myself as well as my sisters and be an inspiration to them.

Creativity and experimenting are yet another important values in my life. Creativity is not just restricted to arts, but for me I like to be creative in everything that I do. Personally, I am the one that always comes up with solutions to every little problem, decide on menus, plan events or decide on places to go to. Professionally I have enjoyed designing brochures and flyers or another marketing materials, I have written official letters as well as attractive invitations or marketing contents, came up with ideas wherever stuck and got praised during internships and most importantly it has made me win an award called Project Master for me creative assignments during the course. I think creativity is something that makes as usual thing unusual. It gives your identity and makes things unique.

According to me, these values have guided the path of my life personally and professionally. Each value I have abided to has been a result of situations around me but have been an influence in all the decisions that I have made for myself in my life. I hope I continue to grow through yet another important value in my life of self -improvement.