

**It is not what America can do for me; it is what I can do for America**

Being born a citizen of the United States of America, with all rights and privileges, is the greatest gift my country could have given me. I have been born into the free world, into a country who earned her freedom through forefathers who mapped out her future in the Constitution of the United States, and through those who fought for that freedom. Many have given the ultimate sacrifice, their lives. To honor them and the gift they have given for my freedom, it is my privilege to excel as a civilian and give what I can back to America. Personnel in the armed forces risk their own lives daily to make the lives of American citizens the best they can be. In appreciation for all their hand work, time, and dedication, it is up to us as civilians to help maintain this country's greatness by utilizing our talents as individuals and uniting as one strong nation.

I am only one person, about to embark upon a career in the business world, but I am looking forward to becoming an example of what I think an American businessperson should be. These are unsettled economic times, not only for America but for the world. We hear daily about large corporations that are failing, or about CEOs of large companies who have juggled the books and been untruthful when reporting assets to their stockholders. However, this is not representative of American businesses overall. There are millions of successful American businesses globally which have been built by American entrepreneurs, and are comprised of honest, hard-working leaders and employees. I believe in the American dream, the dream that anyone, no matter what background they possess, can make it as a successful businessperson. I would like to enter the world of International business, representing my company globally, showing what the American work ethic, integrity, and value system really is.

I have faith in my country! I have faith in the free enterprise economic system. I have faith that as an American citizen, I can make a difference in this world and give back to my country a little of what it has already given to me. I am determined to become successful and to use the education I receive to improve the lives of other U.S. Citizens with whom I interact. I want to become a productive and influential member of society and help others reach their highest potential. My education will help me achieve these goals and send me on my way into the American business community.