

# Essay#1 "From Working Poor to Elite Scholar

## Statement of Purpose, Dept of History

One of the proudest accomplishments of my life was earning my college degree despite the fact that my early ad, housecleaner. There is nothing like scrubbing someone else's toilet to inspire a commitment toward earning my degree. A house which enabled me to acquire my degree.

Enrolled at the local community college by a new encouraging academic. I learned that if I tried hard, I could succeed if I wanted something. I worked a minimum 35 hours a week without succumbing to the temptations with the money I earned to provide for her family. It has stood me in good stead.

With a lifelong passion for history, I have developed an interest in cultural history of early modern and modern Europeans, especially their world through popular folk tales and literature. The historical context, how they are completely different from the present. I enjoy studying the early modern English history, especially the Tudor-Stuart period, because of the tension between the old and the new. I have a PhD in social anthropology that has been instrumental in shaping my current project focusing on the 17

This essay uses an outstanding

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midwife Elizabeth Cullier. In this project, I am re-examining the current histories of women's work and how they have been oppressed from the male medical community, which shows that they have been turned into useful tools of the state.

## GRADUATE ADMISSIONS ESSAY

As a student, I feel that my success lies in the fact that I approach my studies as if I were a professional (historian, not student, that is). I always enrolled in the most challenging courses and worked with professors I felt were the most knowledgeable. If I got one piece of advice, it was to ask what I could do to improve—and usually the advice to strengthen my work. My personal academic milestone occurred while I was pursuing my Ph.D. This required course was taught by an Americanist Dr. Julie Worth, director of the [school with] history department—so our research topics were limited to American sources. I was able to work within my main interest, which is marginalized women, while using primary sources of *The New York Times*. Biologically Unsound