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Why I Came to America

Life is an unpredictable journey that we all seek to understand or try to predict its outcome. Thousands of people come to the United States from around the world to study and improve their skills. Numerous programs provide a wide variety of learning opportunities. Students interested in studying in the United States must be admitted to the U.S. My life began in Iran, specifically Tehran. Iran is a place of great history and wonderful culture. I have grown up in a modest middle class family which values hard work and education, and that has been the basis of my life and my migration from Iran to America.

If a person gets a good education, there are many positive effects. My parents didn't have good educational opportunities. They have always had high hopes that my two sisters and I will be important figures in society through a good education, and they have never failed to seize the opportunity for us when it has arisen. America has always been known

globally as the land of great opportunity, and this is the reason why my father, my two sisters, and I migrated from Iran. It was all because my parents wanted us to have a better education while exploring and expressing our full potential without boundaries. My father was the first to migrate. Knowing no one in a land foreign to what he was accustomed to, life was difficult, but he worked hard to create a solid foundation for us so that we would not have to struggle when it was time for us to make the journey to the United States.

A few years went by and it became time for my sisters and I to begin our approach towards a new beginning, a fresh start. We began learning a little of the language and culture. Our education of the western culture mostly came from the media and movies. When I came here, I had a very hard time but I was trying to become accustomed to life here. Studying another language wasn't easy, at least for me. I started studying at STCC in Basic English, and now I have almost finished English. I still have problems, but I think I am better than I was before. I have found many nice friends. I got a decent job, which is good and helps me a lot. In the future, I will try to obtain the career of my dreams through hard work and higher education, which I am currently pursuing.

All in all, living in America has been a wonderful experience and continues to be amazing. If a person comes to the US to get a good education, there will be many positive results.