



Sophomore Scholarship Winner



Ellis Murray

Grade:	Sophomore
Major:	Marketing , minor in Graphic Design
Hometown:	Lakewood, Colorado
Synergy Classes:	ENGL 1010, ENGL 2015, Exploration of the American West
Goal after College	Utilize my passions for art, music, video, photography, and science in some way.

Excerpt from Essay

My road to pursuing a college degree has been an interesting one. While in high school, I never was dead set on going to college like most of my peers. I always considered other options, I couldn't exactly visualize myself in college. The other options I considered were to learn a trade, join the Marine Corps, or to just wait on college all together. Many of these other thoughts originated from outside influences and role models in my life. However, as high-school was coming to a close, I knew that I didn't want to lose

any opportunities that were available to me or to stop my academic career at a high school level. I came to college to learn; academically, about my-self, about life and the world around me. I made a couple different realizations this year in college. The first being that I must get away from putting myself in a "box", and the second realizing that there isn't really a "road- map" to any of this. In high school, I hardly looked beyond a college education,

and now that I'm at that point I've had to look beyond into a completely unknown future. I have come to realize there isn't a clear point A to point B in life, but instead a convoluted journey complete with dead ends, obstacles and emotional challenges.