Becky Clay Jim Watkins Philosophy 110 3-17-10

## Why I Am Getting an Education

Education is the foundation required for me to live a better life in today's society. The term "education" in the essay is best defined as "the knowledge and development resulting from the process of systematic instruction, especially at a school or university." These days, people without an education, specifically without a college education, are less likely to hold high-salaried jobs and are less likely to possess a well-rounded knowledge base of things. If I obtain an education, then I will hold a higher-salaried job and possess a well-rounded knowledge base of things. If am able to hold a higher-salaried job and possess a well-rounded knowledgebase of things, then I will ultimately live a better life. Therefore, if I want live a better life, it logically follows that I must obtain an education.

Obtaining an education will help me to get a higher-salaried job, as well as equip me with a well-rounded knowledge base of things. Because being a college student exposes me to a variety of people and varying skills on a daily basis, my knowledge base has no alternative but to expand and enhance. Sharing a classroom with twenty-plus students, per subject, per semester, from all different cultures and backgrounds, makes this inevitable. It would be near impossible to avoid other perspectives and interpretations of things. With this acquired knowledge base, my education will have transformed into a qualified and desirable applicant for any prospective employer. My developed knowledge base will not only enable me to qualify for the higher-salaried positions, but also provide me with more job opportunities to choose from.

If I can hold a high-salaried job and possess a well-rounded knowledge base of things, then I will ultimately live a better life. With more money in my bank account, I will finally have the opportunity to relax, take more vacations and possibly even retire early. While money is not the root of all happiness, it certainly can prevent me from providing for my family and myself, which can lead to tremendous anxiety. But my well-rounded knowledge base will not only prove useful in acquiring a job that brings monetary satisfaction, but will also grant me the privilege of being more selective when choosing a job as well. This increases the chances I will find a position that brings me personal satisfaction, in addition to its monetary benefits.

In conclusion, acquiring an education is necessary in order for me to live a better life. Without the proper skills gained from the years of attending college, I will not be prepared to compete against other employment-seeking individuals who have. My lacking skill set will narrow my future job opportunities and force me to take whatever job I can get, rather than qualifying for a job I want. Without an education I will likely not have the financial means required to take care of my family or myself, and there is also a good chance that I will not be able to retire early. Earning an education is a necessary condition for living a better life, which is why I have chosen to pursue a college degree.