Dawnetta

Fulton County, GA

**Her Story:**

My name is Dawnetta, and I am applying to the WIT Single Mothers Program (SMP) because I am ready to change my life for the better for myself and young daughter. I will admit the past year and a half has been a real struggle for me in which I’ve had to endure some hardships, health and financial setbacks, but I’m determined to do better for myself financially.

Despite my current circumstances, I am a single, proud mother to a beautiful, extraordinarily gifted, and talented, wise beyond her years 10-year-old little lady, who often gives great advice. I sometimes forget she is just 10 years old. My baby means everything to me, is everything to me. She is my motivation and my inspiration. She makes me want to do better, be better. Be a better mom, a better woman, a better person. I feel so blessed and honored that God chose me, entrusted me to have and care for this wonderful little person.

As far as my background and my career interests are concerned, I feel after 20+ years a HR Administrative Assistant and Customer Service professional working as a Federal Government contractor, some career setbacks-working mediocre jobs to make ends meet. It is time for a career change.

I have always had an interest in working in IT. Especially when it comes to IT support or troubleshooting computer operated devices and machines.. I enjoy troubleshooting my laptop and phone when I have issues with them. Instead of contacting IT support, I resort to problem solving my technical issues on my own first (even if I have to watch a Youtube tutorial or two to do it, I will keep at it until I solve it). I like the challenge it brings, and I like the satisfaction I feel after I have fixed the problem on my own.

There were times I thought about applying to IT boot camps but did not pursue it because I did not have the money to pay for the training. So, when a friend of mine told me about a free IT program that is geared towards helping single mothers such as myself break into the IT field, I jumped at the opportunity to apply. I am impressed and inspired by the success stories of the other women who have come through the WIT Single Mothers Program, I believe the WIT Single Mother program, is an awesome program, and would be once in a lifetime, life-changing opportunity for me as well.

I believe I am an excellent candidate for this program because I am committed to my success. I am reliable and determined with good study habits and great work ethics. I also work very well with others. I have demonstrated, proven leadership (Project management) and team building and collaboration skills. I am a computer savvy. I am confident my attention to detail, analytical, problem solving, and clear communication skills will transfer well over into my new role as an IT/Cybersecurity professional.

With a career in Cybersecurity, I know that I can better plan my child’s education and future by setting up a college and trust fund for her. That is why being accepted into and completing the WIT Single Mothers Program would mean so much to me.

**For reference**

**Company Name:** Unemployed

**Work Experience**:

Project Manager – Trilogy Technologies

Operations Manager – Asst Operations Mgr.

Project Coordinator: US Dept of Homeland Security, Empire Staffing Solutions, Inc

In previous employment, I've worked with WAN. At home  and through previous employment I've worked with multiple computers using LAN architecture

**College Degree:** No

Emory University – Cyber Security/Information Security Certificate

Bowie State University – Business Management

PepUp Tech – Salesforce System

University of the District of Columbia

**Education**:

16-week technology training, via instructor led and self-paced online training to increase my computer knowledge and advance my skills, and abilities in preparation for a career in the technology field.

Taking an online 16 week technology training for a System Administrator role via Techbridge.

**Annual Income:** $8,849

**Observation characteristics from WIT, Emory, Other Providers and Mentors (Outgoing, Quiet/Shy, Leader, Team Contributor, etc.)**

* Quiet

**Competencies: (Interpersonal Skills, Cooperation and Collaboration, Time Management & Administration, Leadership, Communication Skills, Strategic Thinker, etc.)**

* Emory Academic Proficiency Rating: Advanced
* Timely assignments